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Emergency Management and Response

Informational Bulletin

The emergency management team remains grateful to the community for their support and understanding as we persevere through the COVID-19 pandemic. In line with the State of New Hampshire guidelines, we have followed a tiered re-opening of several town departments and facilities for in-person transactions. We are thankful to all of you who have voluntarily complied with the various procedures we have implemented with the goal of minimizing the spread of COVID-19.

Today marks the beginning of the school year for both the Alton Central School and the Prospect Mountain High School. We commend the effort of both schools in establishing procedures and response plans to protect the health and safety of the students and staff so that traditional, in-person learning can occur while also providing distance-learning options. Like other communities throughout the state, we are cautiously optimistic as we take this very substantial step in the re-opening process. We will be in regular contact with school officials to ensure a coordinated response should there be any instances of COVID-19 infections.

The emergency management team continues to meet regularly to evaluate the status of the pandemic and to assess the availability of resources to support further steps towards a full re-opening of town services and meetings. The Facilities and Maintenance staff have been working very hard to keep up with the added demands of frequent sanitization of our public facilities, and they have done a commendable job! As we evaluate the opportunities for incremental reopening, we must consider the availability of resources in terms of cleaning supplies, employees, and time. We all look forward to a time when things are reopened and we return to a sense of "normal". However, while the results of our efforts to curb the spread have been overwhelmingly successful thus far, we must remain vigilant in adhering to the state guidelines. We are not out of the woods yet!

As new infection numbers in New Hampshire continue to trend low and overall confidence grows, we encourage everyone to continue to maintain social distancing of 6' or more, to wash/sanitize their hands regularly, and to wear a protective face covering whenever appropriate distancing cannot be maintained.

If you have non-emergency COVID-19 related questions, please call 2-1-1 (a state hotline staffed 24/7 specifically for such questions) or visit the following links: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>

Thank you for your continued support and understanding,

Alton Emergency Management Team