

# Town of Newbury

## OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## PLUM ISLAND PARKING RESTRICTIONS

In response to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ban on non-essential business operations, all private parking lots on Plum Island are closed. The Town of Newbury will strictly enforce its “Permit Parking Only” restrictions on all public ways on Plum Island in Newbury as it continues to combat the COVID-19 threat. Aggressive enforcement of the Permit Parking Only bylaw will result in violators being ticketed and towed. The City of Newburyport closed its public beach parking lot earlier this week. Private parking lot closures will remain in effect until the non-essential business closure mandates are lifted. This decision was made in conjunction with Emergency Management, Public Health, Public Safety and Town Government officials after the Governor made the decision to close all State beach parking areas on 4/2/2020.

### Important Safety Reminders

**SOCIAL DISTANCING:** In conjunction with Governor Baker’s ban on gatherings of more than ten (10) people, the Town of Newbury encourages residents to exercise proper Social Distancing practices. People should remain at least six (6) feet away from each other to reduce the likelihood of exposure among people. Stay away from social gatherings or groups especially if you are over 60, if you have underlying health conditions, a weakened immune system or are

pregnant. As COVID-19 is extremely contagious, it is possible for people to spread the virus without exhibiting symptoms.

**HAND WASHING/CLEANING/HYGIENE:** The Town of Newbury encourages frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Absent soap and water, an alcohol-based hand-sanitizer with 60-95% alcohol. Avoid touching your face if possible. Also, frequently clean commonly touched hard surfaces (such as phones, keyboards, door knobs, light switches, bathroom and kitchen faucet handles, toilet handles).

Avoid sharing items such as pens, phones, drinks, eating utensils, etc. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when coughing or sneezing. Stay away from people who are sick and stay home when you are sick.

## **Town Services**

**TOWN OFFICES:** Town Offices remain closed to the public and Town Office Employees are working remotely when possible. Residents, for the foreseeable future, should plan to conduct Town business via email, telephone or online. Visit the Town of Newbury webpage [www.townofnewbury.org](http://www.townofnewbury.org) for more information.

**CULTURE AND RECREATION:** The Town Library remains closed as well as all Town recreation fields and parks.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:** The Newbury Fire and Police Departments remain staffed and prepared to respond to any and all emergency situations. Out of an abundance of caution, during this public health emergency and depending on the nature of the call, fire, EMS and police personnel may arrive on scene wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). If at all possible, callers for emergency service should advise the dispatcher if anyone in the residence has been required to self-quarantine or is exhibiting flu-like symptoms. You may be asked to meet the first responders outside your home (if possible).

We ask that residents DO NOT dial 9-1-1 for questions or concerns about COVID-19. The State website ([www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov)) or the CDC website can answer many of your questions. Also, the State 2-1-1 line is a 24/7 service set up to answer COVID-19 related questions. Residents who are

feeling ill with flu-like symptoms should contact their primary care physician first before calling for emergency services.