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UPDATED GUIDANCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ON CLOSURE OF CERTAIN TOWN OF HARWICH FACILITIES

Effective **Friday, March 13, 2020 at close of business (4:00pm)** and until further notice, the Town of Harwich is enacting the following actions and closures:

Brooks Free Library, 739 Main Street

Closed to the general public until further notice. Book exchanges to cease until further notice. Staff shall work as scheduled. Please seek guidance from your Department Head.

Community Center, 100 Oak Street

Closed to the general public until further notice. Services related to public health shall remain in operation. These services include: town nurse clinic, COA meals, one-on-one appointments with prior notice, and meals on wheels. Regularly scheduled transportation to grocery stores and pharmacy will remain intact. Staff shall work as scheduled. Please seek guidance from your Department Head.

Cultural Center, 204 Sisson Road

Closed to the general public until further notice. **EXCEPTIONS** - after school programming is relocated to the cultural center gym instead of the community center gym. Art studios will be closed to the general public while tenants will have access to their studios. Staff shall work as scheduled. Please seek guidance from your Department Head.

Town Hall, 732 Main Street

Town Hall will remain operational during regular business hours as usual until further notice. Public meetings will be conducted by remote participation as outlined in Governor Baker's *Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L., c. 30A, §20* effective March 12, 2020 which nullifies the previously released procedure on public meetings. Staff shall work as scheduled. Please seek guidance from your Department Head.

These actions are based upon Governor Baker's recent *Guidance regarding the order by the Governor prohibiting assemblages of more than 250 people* and in concert with the decision of the Monomoy Regional School District to remain open until further notice.

These decisions have been made in an effort to protect the most vulnerable population from infection as well as to slow the spread of COVID-19.

All persons are urged to maintain social distancing (approximately six feet away from other people) whenever possible and to continue to wash their hands, utilize hand sanitizer and practice proper respiratory etiquette. All higher risk individuals should avoid large gatherings. Higher risk individuals include older adults, anyone with underlying health conditions, such as heart or lung disease, diabetes, anyone with weakened immune systems and anyone who is pregnant.

We will continue to update guidance as events warrant.

Respectfully submitted,

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