



Town of Danvers

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DANVERS ISSUES EMERGENCY DECLARATION ON COVID-19 Action brings Town into Alignment with State/Feds

Danvers, MA – Town Manager Steve Bartha, in consultation with BOS Chair Dan Bennett and Public Health Director Mark Carleo, has declared a state of emergency in Danvers as of March 18, 2020. This declaration was made under the authority granted in the Danvers Town Manager Act of 1949 and the Civil Defense Act of 1950. Similar declarations exist at the state and federal level.

“This action is being taken proactively and not in response to any confirmed or presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in the community,” said Mr. Bartha. “It helps us to prepare and gives the Town the administrative capability to adapt Town operations and ensure the allocation of more resources as it relates to COVID-19.”

The Town is also announcing today that public buildings, including the Peabody Institute Library, will remain closed to the public until April 5, 2020, subject to change depending on circumstances.

Local leaders remain hard at work behind the scenes to ensure that core services continue to be delivered to our general and vulnerable populations. Most Town business can still be conducted online, and there is limited staff at Town Hall answering phones and coordinating with our local, state, and federal partners.

For more information, please visit the Town’s COVID-19 webpage:
<https://www.danversma.gov/information-on-coronavirus/>

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