



**TOWN OF WAREHAM**  
**OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**  
54 Marion Road  
Wareham, MA 02571

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

April 25, 2020

COVID-19 Update

Good afternoon,

This notice is to serve as a reminder that in order to help the taxpayers during this difficult time the Wareham Board of Selectmen have voted to move back the due date for fourth quarter Real Estate and Personal Property taxes from May 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020. This is the furthest extension they are allowed to do under Governor Baker's new legislation.

Additional information:

- The Deadline Date for Real Estate Exemptions and Deferral Applications has also been extended to June 1, 2020 from the original Deadline Date of April 1, 2020. Please contact the Assessing Department for additional information.  
(508) 291-3160  
[assessor@wareham.ma.us](mailto:assessor@wareham.ma.us)
- During the Current Public Health Emergency, the Town Treasurer/Collector's office is closed to the Public. However, there remain several payment options available to the public. Payments can be made via:
  - Online Payment through the Town Website - This is the preferred and fastest method. There is no fee when paying from a checking or savings account and 2.95% when paying by credit or debit card.  
<https://www.wareham.ma.us/treasurercollector/pages/online-tax-bill-payment-links>
  - Payments via Mail – Please mail to Lockbox:  
Town of Wareham  
PO Box 578  
Medford, MA 02155-0006
  - Payments via Phone:  
City Hall Systems  
(508) 381-5455
  - Payments via Drop Box – There is a silver payment drop box on the left hand side of the parking lot entrance to the Town Hall located at 54 Marion Rd.

If you have any questions for the Treasurer/Collector's Department they can be reached at (508) 291-3150.

## COVID-19 Cases in Wareham

There has been a significant increase to Wareham's confirmed cases of COVID-19. Some reasons for the spike are because of increased testing and the nursing home cases. However, this should serve as a reminder that we are still in the middle of this pandemic.

Since we began receiving information about positive cases, Wareham has had a total of 103 positive cases. There are currently 92 active cases, 7 people recovered and sadly 4 people have passed.

ACTIVE WAREHAM COVID-19 CASES AS OF APRIL 25, 2020	
General	54
Nursing Home	36
Assisted Living	2
Total Active Cases	92

The Town is not currently requiring the use of facemasks when in public. However, we strongly recommend that you utilize a facemask when in public places. If you are utilizing facemasks or gloves please properly dispose of them.

Here are some ways to help stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home; this includes your home and property.
- Have groceries delivered to your doorstep.
- Avoid contact with others by keeping a distance of at least six (6) feet between you at all times.
- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub
- Do not touch your face
- Monitor yourself for fever, cough or shortness of breath, which are some of the main symptoms of COVID-19. If you develop any of these symptoms, please call your doctor's office. If you do not have a primary care physician, please call the Southcoast Health 24/7 COVID-19 Nursing Triage Hotline at 508-973-1919

We know that social distancing can be difficult for seniors. If you have elderly family, friends or neighbors please take this time to call them and see how they are doing.

We are not out of the woods from COVID-19 and understand that the current disruptions to all our lives are difficult. Your help matters most on stopping the spread of this deadly virus. Thank you to all who have sacrificed so much and worked hard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

Respectfully,

Derek Sullivan  
Town Administrator