

Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update: March 25, 2020

- Middleton Cases: The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Middleton is 3, as of March 25, 2020;
- Statewide Cases: From March 24 to March 25, the number of cases in Massachusetts increased from 1,159 to 1,838, an increase of 679 or 59%. Statewide, the number of deaths increased from 11 to 15.
- Today, the Governor issued a wide-ranging proclamation. Read the entire order at <https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-extension-of-school-and-non-emergency-child-care-program>

Among the significant items:

- School and non-emergency child care closures are extended through May 4, 2020;
- Pharmacy and Grocery Store order:
 - Identifying grocery stores and pharmacies as essential services;
 - Mandating strategies to protect workers and patrons;
 - Requiring dedicated hours for seniors;
 - Prohibiting the use of reusable grocery bags;
- Strategies to stabilize housing for vulnerable populations;
- Middleton's Annual Town Meeting, originally scheduled for May 12, will be postponed. Town officials are evaluating dates based on availability of necessary officials and venue.
- The Annual Town Election, originally scheduled for May 19, 2020, is also likely to be postponed. Alternative dates are being evaluated.
- Yesterday, March 24, emergency declarations were issued by the Middleton Board of Health <https://middletonma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2230/Board-of-Health-Local-State-of-Emergency-3242020> and the Middleton Board of Selectmen <https://middletonma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2231/Board-of-Selectmen-Local-State-of-Emergency-3242020>