



# Town of Swampscott

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## TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a highly contagious and potentially fatal respiratory disease, the prevalence of which is increasing rapidly throughout the world, inclusive of the United States and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak a Pandemic Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States announced a national declaration of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020, Governor Baker announced emergency actions to respond to the evolving COVID-19 public health emergency impacting the Commonwealth, including prohibitions on public gatherings of twenty-five or more people and prohibiting on-premises consumption of food or drink at bars and restaurants from March 17, 2020 until April 6, 2020, as well as suspension of elementary and secondary school educational operations from March 17, 2020 until April 6, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Select Board of the Town of Swampscott and its Board of Health, in consultation with the State Department of Public Health has determined that COVID-19 presents a major disaster which poses an immediate threat to public health, safety, and general welfare of people residing both within and outside of the Town Swampscott; and

**WHEREAS**, the Select Board of the Town of Swampscott and Swampscott Board of Health have determined that immediate public action is needed in order to prevent or minimize the spread of COVID-19 by and among the people of Town Swampscott; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the people of Town Swampscott; and

**WHEREAS**, declaring a state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the impacts of COVID-19, including but not limited to emergency expenditures pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 31 and limitations on operating hours and access to public buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Select Board of the Town of Swampscott and the Swampscott Board of Health recommended that a state of emergency be declared in the Town of Swampscott.

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the Select Board of the Town of Swampscott and Swampscott Board of Health of the Town of Swampscott, Massachusetts, hereby declare that as of March 20th, a state of emergency exists in the Town of Swampscott. This declaration of emergency shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 6, 2020.

Further, we, the Select Board of the Town of Swampscott and Swampscott Board of Health of the Town of Swampscott, Massachusetts, hereby order that **effective 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2020:**


All non-critical businesses and entities, both public, private, civic, and non-profit, that provide personal care services that require sustained physical contact and/or cannot comply with social distancing protocols are to be closed until 11:59 p.m. on April 6, 2020. This order includes, but is not limited to hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, gyms, health clubs, tanning, laser hair removal and massage parlors. This order **does not** apply to medical or dental and ancillary health services provided that they are able to adhere to proper treatment protocols, use protective medical gear, and protocols recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control.

Public parks and public spaces remain open in Swampscott for now, except for all public playgrounds, which are hereby closed until 11:59 p.m. on April 6, 2020. The Swampscott Select Board and Swampscott Board of Health will reconsider whether to close public parks and public

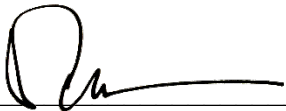
spaces in the event of the public does not adhere, in the judgement of the Swampscott Select Board and Swampscott Board of Health, with the social distancing guidelines and protocols outlined by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

**ORDERED THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020**

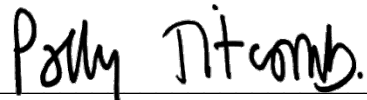
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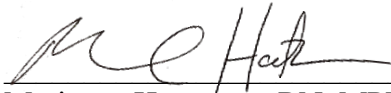
  
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