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JOINT STATEMENT FROM BOURNE TOWN, SCHOOL AND HEALTH OFFICIALS ON COVID-19

March 11, 2020

On Tuesday March 10, 2020, Governor Charlie Baker declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to support the state's response to the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19). The health and safety of the Town of Bourne and its residents is of paramount importance. Therefore, Town, Health, and School leaders are working together and currently coordinating efforts and reviewing the latest information and discussing the suspension of services and programs in an effort to mitigate the spread of this disease.

Following the guidance of the Baker-Polito Administration and the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Town of Bourne would like to notify residents that in order to be thoughtful, prudent, and consistent with these recommendations, large events and gatherings should be cancelled or postponed until we reach a point in time where the risk of exposure to coronavirus is minimized. This afternoon, the MassDPH has updated the totals for Massachusetts residents subject to COVID-19 quarantine as of March 10, 2020. The total number of individuals which are currently undergoing monitoring/ under quarantine has increased from last week to 445 people. There are 92 confirmed and presumptive positive cases as of this date, none of which reside in the Town of Bourne. Additionally, the World Health Organization has made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic.

It is our goal to maintain our critical services which can be safely delivered. We are suggesting that our community decrease the potential for passing the virus by promoting handwashing and social distancing when interactions are necessary. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), those who are at higher risk of contracting COVID-19 are older adults and those with serious chronic medical conditions like, heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease.

As this situation continues to evolve rapidly, we will continue to keep the public up-to-date with credible information and guidance. Residents and other interested parties should refer to both the Town and School Websites for up to date information related to event cancellations or modifications to certain events.

- www.townofbourne.com
- www.bourneps.org

We also recommend the following resources which are updated daily:

- MDPH Resource Page: www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus
- CDC COVID-19 Information: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html