



Town of Acton
Health Division

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TO: John Mangiaratti, Town Manager

FROM: Sheryl Ball, Health Director

RE: Board of Health Directives from meeting on 4-6-2020.

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The Acton Board of Health met at their specially scheduled meeting on Monday, April 6, 2020 and discussed/ordered the following:

1. Nursing Service Update – Ms. York stated we currently have 17 positive cases of COVID-19 and all are under quarantine. Ms. York stated that she placed the Surgeon Generals instructions on how to make a face mask on the Town’s website since the CDC is now recommending that masks be worn by all in public places. Ms. York also stated that they are busy with DPH calls and contract tracing. Ms. York stated that when contract tracing is being done with the current confirmed cases, they are finding that these residents have not had contact with others which is a good thing.
2. NARA Park Closure - The Board discussed the ongoing concerns with users not following social distancing and congregating guidelines at NARA Park. The Town has placed many alerts around the park telling all users of the park not to congregate and to social distance. Areas were marked closed and areas where people were congregating were either taped off or removed. There were also signs all over the park indicating users to follow these guidelines. Unfortunately, some users did not heed these warnings and caused significant concerns to everyone’s safety. The Recreation Director issued a statement to the Board recommending closure due to these ongoing issues. Governor Baker has issued a Stay at Home Advisory for the safety of all Massachusetts residents and the Board stated that this was issued for self- protection. The next couple of weeks are predicted to be the highest increase of COVID related illnesses and it is important for our residents to help contain the spread by staying at home. The Board voted to close NARA Park, effective immediately, and the park shall remain closed for the duration of declared local state of emergency related to COVID-19.