



TOWN OF LENOX & LENOX PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To the citizens of Lenox:

As many of you are aware, there is growing concern and amassing questions related to COVID-19 (more commonly known as Novel Coronavirus). The Town of Lenox and Lenox Public Schools are carefully monitoring the situation as it develops regionally and across the Commonwealth. As part of our process, we have been collaborating with the Tri-Town Health Department, the Police Department, Fire/EMS, and state/local elected officials to provide our community with credible and reliable information on this topic. Police, Fire and Ambulance personnel have already incorporated comprehensive protocols for responding to this public health situation.

In order to control the spread of this (or any) virus, please follow Department of Public Health (DPH) guidelines for good hygiene. EVERYONE is reminded to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, if unable to wash, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cover your coughs or sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve (not with your hands)
- Stay away from people who are sick and stay home until fever-free without the use of medication for 24 hours

The maintenance teams in all town and school buildings are actively working to mitigate the spread of germs, etc. Included among their practices are to:

- Clean hard surfaces (desks, tables, countertops, sinks). Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (door handles, faucets, railings), bathrooms and health rooms.
- Use disinfectant to clean high-touch surfaces.
- Use disinfectants in a safe and effective manner and to clean up potentially infectious materials and body fluid spills.

Finally, you are encouraged to access these resources for additional information:

- Berkshire Medical Center online kiosk: www.berkshirehealthsystems.org/coronavirus
- Berkshire Medical Center toll-free Hotline (855) BMC-LINK.
- Department of Public Health: www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus.
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

We look forward to your continued understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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