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COVID-19 Update  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**GOVERNOR BAKER ORDERS NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES TO CEASE IN PERSON OPERATION  
DIRECTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ISSUE STAY AT HOME ADVISORY  
TOWN OF SUTTON RESPONDS**

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker on Monday ordered the closure of all non-essential businesses in the state in an effort to curb the spread of COVID-19.

The order takes effect Tuesday at noon and is effective until April 7 at noon. The Department of Public Health also is issuing a “stay-at-home” advisory, which will be in effect until April 7. Residents are advised to stay home and avoid unnecessary travel and activities during this two-week time period. For more specific information please visit [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov).

The Sutton Board of Health has been informed that Sutton has its 1<sup>st</sup> positive case of COVID-19 (Corona Virus). Public Health Officials are working with the individual and will notify others that the individual may have been in contact with. Please note that by law, no additional information can be shared about this situation.

Please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> for regular updates from the CDC as well as the Town of Sutton website <https://www.suttonma.org> for related updates.

We ask the residents of Sutton to remain diligent and continue to follow the safety precautions including the practice of social distancing, frequent hand washing and staying at home.

The Town of Sutton will continue to offer essential services with Fire and Police. In addition, the Transfer Station will be open normal business hours, for disposal of bagged trash and recyclables only. The Senior Center will continue to accept donations Monday thru Friday from 8AM to 12 noon. Meals on Wheels will continue to be delivered. Other departments will adhere to the Stay at Home Advisory and be working remotely. The drop box continues to be available for business. Your patience is appreciated as we find new ways to do business.

Sutton Town Manager James Smith said, “I appreciate the patience of the town during this difficult time. If we all do our part, then the sooner we will be able to return to our normal lives.”

