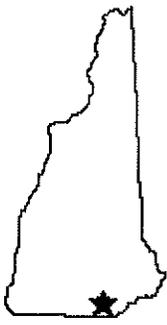




Board of Selectmen Briefing

April 7, 2020



TOWN OF HUDSON

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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The following is an update regarding the activities of the Hudson Emergency Operations Center in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. You will note that we review several pieces of information in an attempt to forecast our response locally. This is an ever changing event that requires a close coordination with local, state and federal partners.

General Overview

International COVID-19 Timeline

Summary of World Health Organization Data

DATE	COUNTRIES / Territories	EVENT	COMMENTS
31 Dec 2019	Wuhan City, China	44 with pneumonia	Unknown cause China reports
7 Jan 2020	China	Coronavirus identified	China identifies the agent
14 Jan	China	Infrared thermometers in All Chinese airports, rail, bus, ferry stations	Chinese restrictions begin
20 Jan	Japan, Thailand, Korea + China 282 cases WW	Corona infections	Spread confirmed outside China
31 Jan	19 countries 2 cases in Italy 6 cases in US	9,826 cases 213 Deaths	W.H.O. recommends social distancing, detection, isolation
15 Feb	25 countries	50,580 cases 1,524 Deaths WW 1,522 Deaths / China	20,000 / week case increase. No travel advisory by WHO.
1 Mar	58 countries 1,128 cases in Italy 62 cases in US	87,137 cases 2,977 Deaths WW 2,873 Deaths / China	No travel advisory. O2 Rx is major intervention.
15 Mar	143 countries 2,157 cases in Italy 1,678 cases in US	153,517 cases 5,735 Deaths WW 3,204 Deaths / China	WW deaths now approaching China's in 10 weeks.
31 Mar	201 countries 101,739 cases Italy 164,000 cases in US 3,100 Deaths in US	803,528 cases 39,040 Deaths WW 3,310 Deaths / China	In last 2 weeks: ↑ in 58 countries ↑ of 162,322 / US US Deaths ~ doubled

7 April	140,510 Spain 132,547 Italy 369,069 US	1,365,004 cases 76,507 deaths WW	
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Ref: World Health Organization, Novel Coronavirus Situation Updates

U.S. COVID-19 Data

Summary of Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Data

Date	# of U.S. Cases	
1/22/20	1	
1/31/20	7	
2/15/20	13	
2/29/20	24	
3/15/20	3,487	
3/18/20	10,442	
<u>3/21/20</u>	<u>24,583</u>	<u>60 Days from 1st US case</u>
3/24/20	54,453	
3/28/20	122,653	
3/31/20	164,000	3,100 deaths (now exceeds 9/11 toll)
4/07/20	369,069	10,993 deaths

Current Data:

New Hampshire:

715 Positives 9 deaths 116 in Hillsborough County

1 to 4 estimated to be in Hudson.

The State of New Hampshire continues to work with public health partners to create surge areas to support local hospital capacities. In the Hudson area we have a surge area established at Nashua Senior High School South and SNHU arena in Manchester.

We continue to work locally to establish routes to secure protective clothing and create a logistical path for creating an efficient utilization of supplies.

Tremendous Progress & Hope:

Abbott Labs of Scarborough, Maine has FDA approval of a 15 minute rapid COVID test. The State of New Hampshire is slated to receive 15 of these devices. They are currently preparing to deploy these units.

Locally we have seen orders submitted to the SEOC for protective clothing to be fulfilled. This is a very positive step in an effort to keep our first responders safe. All COVID-19 products are being inventoried and distributed through the logistics branch of the EOC. Logistics is also tracking and inventorying all donations. On Friday, we received a 50 gallon hand sanitizer donation from North Point Construction and a donation from Sam's Club of surface wipes.

Incident Goals

As presented to the Board of Selectmen during the March 24, 2020 meeting the following goals were established;

- Provide for employee health and safety.
- Create a plan that would provide services to the community during the NH State of Emergency.

Accomplishments

- The Continuity of Operations plan supported by the Board of Selectmen has been put into place and adjusted to make sure we were meeting the intent of Governor Sununu's stay at home order. This was issued effective Friday, March 27, 2020.
- We continue to monitor and adjust protective clothing updates.
- We are reviewing and implementing new CDC guidelines for both employment and public use.
- Public Messaging regarding COVID-19 information and town impacted services have been made available to the public through the Town of Hudson webpage, social media platforms and Hudson Community Television programs.
- We have had a successful test run of guidelines for landfill operations. As you are aware, this Saturday will be a full landfill trash and soft yard waste day.
- This week we issued our first Incident Action Plan. This is attached for your information. There is a lot of information in this document that is pertinent to the EOC operations. This document will be revisited each week and assist the EOC Command staff with setting and assigning weekly goals.
- We have implemented a new protocol in our public safety communication areas. The new "Protocol 36" coordinates COVID-19 information from our 911 call taker to our frontline first responders.
- The State of New Hampshire has established a contract with Convenient MD for COVID-19 testing for first responders.
- We have also implemented FEMA ICS 214 Activity forms, tracking department activities to support the disaster declaration authorized by the President of the United States.
- Goals established last week have also been accomplished. Those are inclusive of;
 - Continue to support employee safety and health practices:

- Establish sufficient protective clothing supplies to support our first responders.
- Continue to develop and improve protective clothing practices.
- Establish wellness activities for employees.
- Develop and implement information sharing guidelines for inspectional services activities to meet the needs of the Assessing Department.
- Work with the Planning Department to ensure economic development information is available to our business community.
- Review and establish updated practices for service delivery currently impacted by the COVID-19 incident.
- Identify EMS transport practices that will provide a continuous and efficient delivery of EMS services to the community.

Concerns

- Currently we have 8 first responders and 1 public works employee in quarantine. All employees are self-monitoring at home.
- We continue to monitor growing positive cases in the Hudson area. As you are aware, last evening it was reported that Hudson had between 1-4 cases locally. We have started to see an increase in incidents that are being classified as COVID-19 related. We are anticipating our case numbers to increase.

Financial Review

As established in the Emergency Operations Plan, we have established a Finance branch led by Kathy Carpentier Finance Director. Early on we established this organizational branch so we could track all purchases undertaken to support our efforts to meet the challenges of the COVID-19 incident. To date our expenditures have totaled \$26,013.37.

Weekly Goals

The following goals are being established;

- Develop guidelines for the following activities
 - Remote working guideline
 - Earned time usage guideline
 - Secondary employment guideline
 - Emergency order review
 - Development of messaging regarding virtual recreation programs
 - Development of messaging regarding available conservation areas
 - CDC Guideline review
 - Protective clothing best practices
 - Implementation of Convenient MD program

This report is a synopsis of the activities that have taken place to meet the challenges of COVID-19. As we have reviewed, this event is constantly evolving and information is usually outdated prior to a briefing being written. I am thankful for the support of our partners and staff who have a tremendous amount of time invested into the event. If it was not for our team we would severely be hampered in our efforts.