



# 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	<b>In last 2 weeks:</b> ↑ in 58 countries ↑ of 162,322 / US US Deaths ~ doubled

7 April	140,510 Spain 132,547 Italy <b>369,069 US</b>	1,365,004 cases 76,507 deaths WW	
April 14, 2020	<b>US 582,634</b> Spain 172,541 Italy 159,516	1,935,646 cases 120,914 deaths WW	
April 21, 2020	<b>US 787,960</b> Spain 204,178 Italy 183,957	2,531,804 cases 174,336 deaths WW	39,643 Cases 1809 deaths Mass 3rd
April 28, 2020	<b>US 988,469</b> Spain 232,128 Italy 199,414	3,057,957 211,522 deaths WW	56,462 Cases 3,003 deaths Mass
May 5, 2020	<b>US 1,180,634</b> <b>Spain 218,011</b> <b>Italy 191,832</b>	3,610,006 252,301 death WW	69,087 4,090 deaths Mass

Ref: World Health Organization, Novel Coronavirus Situation Updates

## U.S. COVID-19 Data

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*Summary of Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Data*

<b>Date</b>	<b># of U.S. Cases</b>	
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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
4/14/2020	582,634	23,654 deaths

4/21/2020	787,960	42,364 deaths
4/28/2020	988,469	56,253 deaths
<b>5/5/2020</b>	<b>1,180,634</b>	<b>68,934 deaths</b>

**Current Data:**

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**New Hampshire:**

2,588 Positives                      86 deaths                      1,157 in Hillsborough County

55 estimated to be in Hudson.

**Incident Goals**

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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.

**Incident Update**

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The State of New Hampshire continues to work with public health partners to increase testing. DHHS has set a very aggressive goal to start gathering 1,500 samples per week. We are anticipating having a drive up location in Hudson on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. EMS Supervisor Rudolph continues to meet with stakeholders to work out final details including scheduling, location setup and time periods.

As you are aware Governor Sununu has issued a new stay at home order under emergency order 40. This is a very involved order which includes the phasing in of additional hospital capabilities, retail, outdoor dining, cosmetology and golf. The bulk of the order will go into effect on May 11 and throughout the month of May.

Our wellness group will also be working on supportive programs for our employees as we all adjust to this new normal. This will include stress relief, sleeping and general health and wellness efforts.

**Accomplishments**

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- 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.
- The following guidelines and messaging has been developed
  - 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
- Implementation of Convenient MD program
- 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 issued an updated Incident Action Plan for this week.
- Employee and Performance Surveys were completed.
- Develop workforce communication plan
- Develop and implement an Economic Development Branch to support our business community
  - Identify support programs for Hudson businesses
  - Identify opportunities to stabilize the business environment
- Develop Employee health and safety plans
- Continue to develop virtual meeting platforms
- Implement electronic distribution of payroll
- Implementation of wellness programs for town employees
- We continue FEMA ICS 214 Activity forms, tracking department activities to support the disaster declaration authorized by the President of the United States.

## **Concerns**

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- We continue to monitor growing positive cases in the Hudson area. As you are aware, last evening it was reported that Hudson had 55 cases locally. We have started to see an increase in incidents that are being classified as COVID-19 related. We continue to anticipate our case numbers to increase.
- We continue to pursue additional public testing opportunities. Currently we are seeing additional testing in targeted groups and not general public. The intention is to assist with isolation of spread in the highlighted facilities.
- With good weather will come additional pressure to gather in groups for several different reasons. We will continue to have difficulty enforcing social distancing and guidance that has been establish for public areas.
- We continue to monitor protective clothing supplies for first responders. Currently the State of NH continues to identify opportunities to improve supply numbers. We are additionally looking to secure a supply chain that will support efforts for the long term. With the forecasted outbreak in the fall 2020.

## **Financial Review**

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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 \$62,094.69.

## Weekly Goals

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The following goals are being established;

- Continue implementation of the six goals created by the command staff to further develop the EOC Operation
- Implementation of Emergency Order 40 Stay at Home 2.0
  - Reopening Plans
    - Benson Park
    - Town Hall
- Continue to pursue and identify funding opportunities
- Implementation of plan to improve workspace safety levels

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.