

# Emergency Response to COVID-19

## Town of Amherst Emergency response due to COVID-19



Following the emergency Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday March 16, 2020, the following emergency measures are being taken throughout town in response to the COVID-19 crisis. This information will be updated daily (as needed) so continue to check back here.

**PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE NOTICE FOR UPDATES TO ALL TOWN BUSINESS**

**CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - Amherst Town Library** - The Library Board of Trustees has made the decision to close the library until further notice. It is our duty to do all that we can to prevent the spread of illness in our town. The closing takes effect immediately and will be in place as long as the situation makes the closure necessary.

Even though the building is closed there are still plenty of ways to take advantage of the library's services. Please take a look at the options here:

<http://www.amherstlibrary.org/UseYourLibrary24-7#overlay-context=>

Check back here will update this with more ways to enjoy your library 24/7!

### **Emergency Operations**

Public safety (Fire, Police, Ambulance) will continue their respective operations with due caution.

### **Town Hall**

**603-673-6041 Please call ahead to make sure your needs can be served**

On March 16, 2020, NH Governor Christopher Sununu issued executive order #2 in response to the COVID-19 crisis, limiting public gatherings:

[https://www.amherstnh.gov/sites/amherstnh/files/news/executive\\_order\\_2020-04.pdf](https://www.amherstnh.gov/sites/amherstnh/files/news/executive_order_2020-04.pdf)

**Town Clerk's Office 603-673-6041, Extension 203, 208**

The Amherst Town Clerk office is currently open.

Unless a face-to-face transaction is absolutely necessary, it is strongly requested that residents utilize online services for Town Clerk business:

Vehicle registration -

<https://www.eb2gov.com/scripts/eb2gov.dll/EReg/Main?towncode=602>

Dog licenses - <https://www.eb2gov.com/scripts/eb2gov.dll/Dogs/Main?towncode=602>

Request vital records -

<https://www.eb2gov.com/scripts/eb2gov.dll/EPay/Main?towncode=602&source=VR>

## **Office of Community Development 603-673-6041, Extension 206, 204, 214, 215**

The Office of Community Development is currently open and again it is strongly requested that unless face-to-face transactions are necessary, anyone needing service from the Planning and Zoning Department, the Building Department and any other committees served by the department utilize online services:

For **FORMS, PERMITS, and FEES DUE** –

<https://www.amherstnh.gov/community-development-office/pages/forms-permits-fees>

For **BUILDING DEPARTMENT REQUESTS** -

[https://amherstnh.mycusthelp.com/WEBAPP/rs/\(S\(3e45gs0wibxk3cbok5gxgbbi\)\)/SupportHome.aspx?sSessionID=](https://amherstnh.mycusthelp.com/WEBAPP/rs/(S(3e45gs0wibxk3cbok5gxgbbi))/SupportHome.aspx?sSessionID=)

## **Assessing & Tax Collector's Office**

The Tax Collector is currently open for business, however, again, it is strongly recommended that unless it is necessary for face-to-face transactions, please call the office for information at **603-673-6041**, extensions **202, 201** respectively.

**ASSESSING FORMS** (Credits, Exemptions, Abatement Applications & Forms) can be accessed - <https://www.amherstnh.gov/assessing/pages/credits-exemptions-abatement-applications-forms>

**TAX PAYMENTS** are accepted online and can be made -

<https://www.eb2gov.com/EB2Gov.dll/TownLaunch?towncode=2602>

**TOWN OF AMHERST ADMINISTRATION OFFICE IS OPEN, CURRENTLY.** Housed on the second floor of the town hall, this includes, the Town Administrator, Dr. Dean Shankle, the Finance Department and the Executive Assistant. Please avoid visiting these offices, if possible, and call for business – **603-673-6041**:

**Town Administrator, Dr. Shankle extension 209 \* Executive Assistant, Mary Guild extension 210 \* Finance Director, Cheryl Eastman extension 213 \* Finance Office Assistant, Pat Walz extension 212.**

## **Recreation Department**

All recreation programs are canceled or postponed until at least April 3rd

For any classes that have already started, we will be offering a prorated refund or account credit for that program.

Some exercise classes are being run electronically by the instructor. Participants will be receiving communication from the program instructor in the coming days.

Any program with a start date of after April 3<sup>rd</sup> is still on as scheduled, this date is subject to change.

***If Amherst Schools are closed, ALL indoor recreational facilities will be closed as well.***

We encourage everyone to utilize our outdoor parks, town hiking trails and sports facilities.

*-Please follow social distancing guidelines.*

*-Please note these areas are not cleaned or sterilized and you are using them at your own risk.*

The Amherst Recreation Department will be posting a weekly newsletter of activities for all ages and families to do within the suggested CDC guidelines. The ARD will also be posting daily exercise offerings, scavenger hunts and other fun videos to get us all through these times.

**Recreation Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 8am – 4pm  
Phone Number: 673-6248**

**Please call the Parks & Recreation Office with any program questions during this time.**

The Amherst Board of Selectmen has authorized the various committees, commissions, and boards to conduct business for smaller gatherings to use their discretion as to the continuation of meetings - *for groups anticipating more than 50 people in attendance, the Governor has issued Executive Order #2, requiring these meetings be postponed.*

<https://www.amherstnh.gov/sites/amherstnh/files/news/emergency-order-2.pdf>

**For the status of all other meetings, please view the calendar of events on the Town's website:**

<https://www.amherstnh.gov/>

**PLEASE STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!**