

Town of Freedom  
71 Pleasant Street  
Freedom, ME 04941

To the residents of Freedom:

As everyone is aware by now, we are in a situation that has never occurred in our lifetimes. The Select Board met last night and decided to take the following drastic steps in order to protect the health and welfare of its residents and of its employees:

Effective immediately the Freedom Town Office is closed until further notice for all walk-in business. Our Town Clerk and Town Treasurer will be working at the office and will be available over the phone and by email. Aside from new vehicle registrations, most needs can be met by phone and by email. Please visit [www.freedomme.org](http://www.freedomme.org) for further information. For further assistance please call the Town Office at 382-6177.

We are also immediately stopping all vehicle registrations for non-residents.

Monday, March 16, 2020, was the last meeting of the Select Board in the Town Office until further notice. Until this situation is brought under control, all meetings by the Select Board and other town employees will be by video conferencing. The results of every meeting will be posted on the door at the Town Office immediately following the meeting and will also be made available online.

If you are in need of help, please do not hesitate to call the Town Office, or any one of the individuals listed below. Also, if you would like to assist in some manner to help our residents to get through this crisis, please call.

Town Clerk, Cindy Abbott:	382-6177
Town Treasurer, Alyssa Brugger:	382-6177

Select Board Members:	
Ron Price	382-3177
Steve Bennett	382-6129
Elaine Higgins	382-3038

Emergency Management Director:	
Jim Waterman	993-2602

Health Officer:	
Frances Walker	382-6267

Finally, please take a moment to read the enclosed statement prepared by three Freedom residents.

The Freedom Select Board

**Town of Freedom**  
**COVID-19 Information**

The news about the COVID-19 virus can create concern – here's some information to help you make the best decision for you and your family's health.

Because the virus seems to spread through a cough, sneeze, or kiss, there are some simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy:

- ⑩ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
- ⑩ Cough and sneeze into your sleeve or use a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash.
- ⑩ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- ⑩ Stay home when you are sick
- ⑩ Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- ⑩ Disinfect frequently touched objects (like your cell phone) and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe

What to do if you start to feel sick:

COVID-19 creates symptoms that are similar to those of a bad cold or seasonal flu, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath. It's important to remember that most COVID-19 cases are mild and can be treated at home. If you experience more intense symptoms, please your healthcare provider or the CDC hotline at 211 or 1-866-811-5695.

Please **DO NOT** go straight to a hospital or other health care facility if you:

- ⑩ Develop a fever, cough or difficulty breathing; **AND**;
- ⑩ Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19; **OR**
- ⑩ Have recently traveled to an active outbreak area

Call your healthcare provider first. They'll need to prepare for your arrival and determine if you need to be tested for COVID-19.

You can find updates at the CDC website <https://t.e2ma.net/click/yygtbc/2df9bj/i28cjh> and at the Maine Department of Health and Human Services website: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/>

The Maine CDC's hotline is available to Mainers with questions about COVID-19. The hotline is available by calling 211 or 1-866-811-5695. It can also be reached by texting your zip code to 898-211 or emailing [info@211maine.org](mailto:info@211maine.org).

**CANCELLED**

**EASTER PARTY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> 2020**



From 3-5 pm

Plus Easter Egg hunt, Games,  
crafts, snacks, door prizes