

March 18, 2020

Dear Montville Residents,

Montville's Emergency Management Director, John York, representatives from the Montville Fire Dept, the Montville Select Board, Clerk and Treasurer have developed a strategic plan to help prepare for the impact of the COVID 19 virus:

The Town Meeting scheduled for 3/28/20 has been postponed. A future date will be announced when the threat of the virus has been sufficiently diminished.

The Town Clerk and Treasurer have closed the Town Office for in-person transactions. For services, or questions, residents are asked to call the Town Office at 342-5544 and leave a message. Messages will be checked on regular work days (and maybe more) and residents will be called back. Most transactions can be handled through the mail once the Clerk and/or Treasurer are aware of what you need. Please note that Inland Fisheries & Wildlife re-registrations can be done online.

Here are some things we strongly encourage you to do at home:

- **Social Distancing:** Follow guidance to avoid large group gatherings (less than 10 people), limit physical contact such as handshakes and, if you're an employer, consider instituting work from home or paid time off options.
- **Avoid Travel:** Postpone any unnecessary travel.
- **Keep Healthy:** Practice the same preventive measures you would to prevent catching a cold: wash your hands often, cover coughs & sneezes, stay home if you are sick. Keep your kids home if they are sick.
- **Call Your Doctor:** If you, or your family, are exhibiting any flu symptoms - or believe you may have been exposed to the coronavirus - call your medical provider BEFORE going to their office.
- **Check on Family & Neighbors:** If you know someone who is elderly, has a pre-existing health condition, or simply lives alone, regularly check to make sure that they are doing alright.
- **Ask for Assistance if Needed:** Contact our Emergency Management Director, John York, at 382-3077 or 692-7828 if you, or someone you know, needs any help due to the virus.

For general information on the virus call or check the website of the following agencies:

- **211 Maine:** Get answers at any time by dialing 211 (or 1-866-811-5695), texting your ZIP code to 898-211, or emailing info@211maine.org.
- **Maine CDC Coronavirus Website:** Sign up for email updates, learn more about the coronavirus and get the latest status in Maine at www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus.
- **U.S. CDC Coronavirus Website:** Get nationwide and global updates and learn more about the coronavirus at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/>.
- **Mainers Together Website:** for help or to offer help PA just started this group to coordinate help during the pandemic.

https://mainerstogether.com/?fbclid=IwAR0KDTsyenJKBfkUBGMwmGjKgCjgVyBbC5q6BWMnu5f5sxjp_TSHglKcQyM

- **Montville Maine Fire and Emergency Management Facebook group:** We will publish pertinent information there.
<https://m.facebook.com/groups/1595249247205442?view=permalink&id=1622729914457375>

“Time and again, Maine people have risen to the challenges put in front of us. We have conquered them because we are a strong, resilient people – borne of the western foothills; the northern potato fields; the bold, rocky coasts; and the tall, pine forests. We have been lifted up by the courage, conviction and resilience that comes from loving a place and its people. Together, we will get through this.” Governor Janet Mills 3/15/2020

Please check the Town Website <http://www.montvillemaine.org/>, or call ahead, to determine when the office will reopen. Your town officials are paying close attention to the situation and will provide additional updates as needed.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.