

**TOWN OF HEBRON
EMERGENCY DECLARATION**


Effective March 13, 2020 at 12:00 noon

In accordance with Section 406 of the Hebron Town Charter Andrew J. Tierney, Town Manager, with the consent of Daniel Larson, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, hereby declares a Public Emergency due to COVID-19.

This Emergency Declaration will allow the Town Manager to take steps necessary to protect the residents of the Town of Hebron. The Town Manager shall have the power to mobilize, organize, and direct the forces of the Town and to call upon the forces of the federal government, the State of Connecticut and other political subdivisions.

The Town Manager will have the authority to limit non-essential services and close or limit services provided by Town Departments where necessary.


Andrew J. Tierney
Town Manager


Daniel Larson
Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Section 406 Public emergencies.

Whenever a public emergency exists or threatens to arise involving or threatening the lives, health, or property of the inhabitants of the Town or property of the Town, the Town Manager or his designee with the consent of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen may declare a public emergency and shall have the power to mobilize, organize, and direct the forces of the Town and to call upon the forces of the federal government, the State of Connecticut and other political subdivisions. The Town Manager, or in his absence, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen may summon, marshal, deputize or otherwise employ other persons to do whatever may be deemed necessary for the purpose of meeting the emergency. Spending to meet said public emergency shall be pursuant to Section 909 of this Charter. Emergency ordinances shall be enacted pursuant to Section 407 of this Charter.

Effective March 16, 2020 the following departments will be CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC until March 27, 2020 at which time officials will re-evaluate the situation:

-Senior Center <https://hebronct.com/town-departments/senior-center/>

- All staff will continue to report to duty. Along with on-going tasks, staff will perform cleaning/sanitation measures
- All non-essential activities be suspended (exercise classes, social and recreational activities such as cards and games, bingo, arts and crafts, movies, choral group, massage/reflexology, health screenings, veterans coffee hours, book club, parties/celebrations, etc.)
- Home delivered meals program would continue with the following precautions – volunteers will leave meals at the door of the recipients’ homes without having direct interaction between the volunteers and the recipients
- Congregate meals will continue to be provided on a “grab and go” basis vs the meals being served on-site at the Senior Center in the traditional group setting
- All social services will continue to be provided (information and assistance, public benefits counseling, CHOICES counseling, etc.) employing appropriate social distancing and precautions
- Dial-a-Ride will suspend group social trips, however, will continue to provide medical, grocery shopping, foodbank, and other personal needs trips employing appropriate precautions

-Parks & Recreation <https://hebronct.com/town-departments/park-recreation/>

The following programs have been cancelled/rescheduled:

- PREP will be closed from March 16th through March 27th
- There will be no pickleball March 16th through March 27th
- The remainder of volleyball has been cancelled
- Babysitters Training rescheduled- date TBA
- After School Art cancelled
- Yoga, Pilates and Barre have cancelled
- Due to COVID-19 there will be no field usage or rentals until further notice

-Douglas Library <https://douglaslibrary.org/>

While the library building is closed, we will still offer the following services to the public:

- Access to our digital collections via Hoopla, Overdrive, Kanopy and RB Digital
- Limited access to physical items. Patrons can call or email to request a specific item and we will make it available
- Library card registration
- Access to any research databases via douglaslibrary.org
- The Library will be staffed from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day

-Other Town office buildings remain open

- Notary Services have been temporarily suspended