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CITY UPDATE COVID-19

CLAREMONT, NH – We received notice today from Valley Regional Hospital of a positive test result for COVID-19. We want to assure the public that the risk of serious illness remains low for the general public, but for seniors or those with compromised immune systems, COVID-19 is very serious. For Claremont to have a chance to slow the spread of the coronavirus, we need as a community to practice social distancing (6-10 feet) and avoid groups of 10 or more. While the risk may be low for the general public, they could be carriers of this illness to seniors and those with compromised immune systems. If people have signs or symptoms, they can contact the Valley Regional Hospital COVID-19 hotline at 603-542-7850 or contact the state at 211.

City hall has limited on-site staffing until April 3rd. Residents can drop off any paper applications or documents at the drop box at the City Clerk's office.

Valley Regional Hospital will be restricting all visitors to the hospital under a temporary no visitation policy. Care teams will use discretion in specific circumstances for end of life care or patient safety. For further information please contact 602-542-1836.

A question & answer interview with NH Deputy Commissioner of Employment Security Richard Laver on the unemployment order is available at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_WFNqcqMNA&feature=youtu.be

Governor Sununu issued three executive orders today. Executive Order #6 relates to temporary authorization for take-out or delivery of beer and wine if accompanied by food prepared by a licensee. Executive Order #7 modifies data and privacy governance plans in order to implement remote education instruction. Executive Order #8 expands access to Telehealth Services. There are further details in all three orders, which are posted at

<https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/press-2020/20200318-covid-10-emergency-orders.htm>.

The City has created a COVID-19 page at <http://www.claremontnh.com/residents/COVID-19.aspx>. We will be listing cancellations of events as they come in as well as state and federal government information.

The City would also like to encourage residents and business owners to sign up for Code Red community notification. To enroll please go to the Police Department page on the city web site at <http://www.claremontnh.com/residents/departments/police.aspx>.

Information from the White River VA Medical Center for Veterans having flu like symptoms is available at <https://www.whiteriver.va.gov/emergency/index.asp>.

If you have a specific question about the virus, or if you would like more information, please visit the DHHS website at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm> or the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. You may also call 211 to ask questions regarding COVID-19 or the State of New Hampshire's response to this outbreak.