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COMMUNITY UPDATES COVID-19

CLAREMONT, NH –In order to keep our residents and employees safe, the **transfer station** will be instituting the following procedures:

- 1.) Social Distance-please stretch your arm toward the employee so he can punch the ticket from a safe distance.
- 2.) Employees will not be opening trunks and counting trash bags, please just let them know how many bags you have.
- 3.) If you require assistance throwing away your trash, please stay in your car and notify the employee at the gate. He will radio his coworker to assist you.
- 4.) If no one is at the office, please look for the green vests. They will be sanitizing the common contact surfaces.
- 5.) Although we all greatly appreciate your generosity, please don't be offended if employees refuse the food and other goodies you bring them. during this time.
- 6.) Employees will be installing boxes near the office for your batteries and fluorescent bulbs instead of handing them directly to the employee.

This may slow the operation, but the safety of both the employees and citizens are our first concern. Thank you for your patience during this time.

There will be **reduced public access** to the City Clerk's office & Welfare department effective immediately. All access for those offices will be through the main City Hall Door. Police doors will remain open. Please be careful not to touch hard surfaces and call first, if possible, to schedule an appointment.

Update from the Community College System of New Hampshire March 18, 2020

In response to the escalating public health situation, New Hampshire's community colleges will extend the online learning format through the end of the Spring semester (May 9, 2020). Further information is available at <https://www.ccsnh.edu/covid-19/>.

NH DMV is Transitioning to Appointment Only Services

Due to concern for the health and safety of our customers and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Starting Thursday, March 19, the DMV will transition to phone and online services. All walk-in services will be paused.
- Starting Monday, March 23, limited walk-in services will be available only by appointment at Concord, Dover, Manchester, Newport, and Twin Mountain.

Further information is available at <https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/news-events/2020/20200318-dmv-transitioning-to-appointments.htm>.

Sullivan County Registry of Deeds

Due to the concerns surrounding COVID-19, the Registry of Deeds office will be closed to the public until further notice.

Documents for recording will be accepted when submitted electronically, by FedEx, UPS or USPS.

We will accept documents for recording in our lobby of the County building. Please contact us upon arrival and we will meet you in the lobby to retrieve documents and accept return information and payments. We would ask that you bring blank checks with you for payment of recording fees.

If you need a copy of a recorded document or have questions or concerns, please contact the registry for further assistance. (603) 863-2110

As this situation continues to evolve, you are asked to check our website for updated information. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work together to minimize the risks of COVID-19 in our community.

Janet Gibson , Register Sullivan County Registry of Deeds

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.