

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra to offer FREE live stream concert to brighten your spirits during this tough and uncertain time

We are working on rescheduling our upcoming concerts April 4, Symphony on Tap at Kilburn Mill and April 18 & 19, Happy Birthday, Ludwig! at the Zeiterion. But in the meantime, we are pleased to present the opportunity to tune in for a LIVE concert **FIDDLE TIME**, Friday, March 20, 7pm.

New Bedford Symphony musicians Peter Zay (cello) and EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks (violin) bring to you an evening of fiddle music to help brighten your spirits during this tough and uncertain time. Peter will even bring his guitar for the occasion, accompanying EmmaLee on a set of traditional Irish Tunes in case you missed your traditional St. Patrick's Day celebration. Also on the program will be a five-movement suite by Andy Stein, fiddler on "A Prairie Home Companion," a special arrangement of Londonderry Air by Peter himself, and a collection of cello/fiddle duets by well-known folk musicians Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas. Tune in for a cozy evening of upbeat music live streamed from a living room in Yarmouth, Maine.

To watch live, simply go to our Facebook Event "Live Stream: Fiddle Time" at 7pm, Friday evening. You will be able to view the concert even if you do not have a Facebook account. And don't worry if you miss it! The concert will remain available for viewing on our page.

If you do have a Facebook account, be sure to "Like" our page,

find the event and click on “Going” so that you will receive notifications about the concert.

Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth provide update, resources

The following is a special announcement regarding COVID-19 from the Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth:

The Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth is closely monitoring the situation with COVID-19 (or coronavirus) and how it will affect our operations and services for the remainder of the spring. The safety and wellbeing of those we serve is of the utmost importance.

While canceling large events is prudent with respect to containing the virus, we also recognize that this can increase social isolation – a problem that is particularly challenging for LGBTQ youth and others who face social marginalization. We encourage those who serve youth to be particularly cognizant of the impact of social isolation on LGBTQ youth, who may rely on services such as school GSAs, LGBTQ conferences and events, drop-in centers, and group therapy services, all of which may be unavailable as the situation progresses. We also encourage youth to exercise self-care and consider ways to stay connected to your community even when physical separation may occur.

LGBTQ populations are especially at risk for COVID-19 infection due to a variety of factors, including higher rates of respiratory issues relating to smoking and other factors;

higher rates of HIV, which can compromise immune systems; and lower rates of health insurance, lack of trust in the healthcare industry, and other factors that make it more difficult to seek care. The Commission therefore urges policymakers and those offering services to respond to COVID-19 to take special consideration of LGBTQ communities in Massachusetts.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can offer you support or information during this challenging time. Emailing us at commission@ma-lgbtq.org is the best mode of contact, or you can leave a voicemail at 617-624-5495, and we will return your call within one business day.

Annual Recommendations: First and foremost, we will be postponing the publication of our annual report and recommendations from April 7th to June 18th. While we could have published our report online on the original date, finalizing the content of the report has been challenging with many of our partners in government responding to this emergency situation and with interruptions to our staffing and operations. We also hope to maintain the sense of community, solidarity, and celebration that has accompanied the publication of our report throughout the years.

We welcome you to RSVP for the rescheduled event, which will now take place at 10am on June 18th at the State House Library. In the case that it is still not safe to release the recommendations with a public event on that date, we will still release our report in June through a virtual event. In the meantime, we will make interim recommendations available to our agencies and other government partners to ensure the important work we are doing together will not be delayed.

School Programming: Currently, we have canceled all training and technical assistance requests through April 7th but are still accepting requests for after that date and evaluating them on a case-by-case basis. We encourage those submitting

requests to consider holding requests until June to lower the risk of cancellation.

We have also decided to cancel our student GSA leadership programming through June. However, we will be offering a virtual space for students and staff to connect with one another. This information will be shared with our participants via their listserv and Facebook groups. If you have questions, please contact commission@ma-lgbtq.org.

Resources to Address Social Isolation: The following resources may help youth stay connected during this time. Please let us know at commission@ma-lgbtq.org if you have additional resources for us to be aware of.

www.ma-lgbtq.org -This is the Commission's interactive map of local resources throughout Massachusetts. Many local LGBTQ youth organizations – for example, BAGLY, Boston GLASS, Framingham GLASS, and Out MetroWest, to name a few – have already shared ways in which they will stay connected to clients virtually throughout this pandemic. Contacting these organizations directly using the information found in our resource map is the best way to stay up-to-date on virtual offerings they have during this time.

www.qchatspace.org – Find and give support, have fun, connect around shared interests and get good information. Chat with like-minded peers in live chats designed for you & by you, facilitated by folks who care. Q Chat Space provides online discussion groups for LGBTQ+ teens ages 13 to 19. It is not a forum. It is live and chat-based; there is no video or audio. Everyone is chatting during the same pre-scheduled time.

itgetsbetter.org – Connects young LGBTQ+ people with the global LGBTQ+ community by providing access to a vast collection of inspiring stories of hope and resilience. The It Gets Better Project builds community by creating a network of international partners that support LGBTQ+ youth in their home

countries, engaging with young LGBTQ+ people both on and offline, and connecting them to local community service providers that can provide on-the-ground assistance.

866-488-7386 or www.thetrevorproject.org – 24/7 suicide prevention & support line for LGBTQ & GNC youth. The Trevor Project Lifeline offers phone calls with trained counselors, while Trevortext connects by text with a specialist. If you need someone just to chat with Trevor Chat is free and confidential. TrevorSpace is an online forum and social network for LGBTQ+ youth and their allies under 25.

www.glbtnearme.org – Find the largest collection of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender resources on the web. Find the closest social and support resources, the closest community centers, the closest youth groups, and much more! All you have to do is type in your zip code, the distance you are willing to travel, and choose from 26 categories of information including bisexual, transgender, crisis, recovery, youth, etc.

www.glbthotline.org – The LGBT National Help Center provides vital peer-support, community connections, and resource information to people with questions regarding sexual orientation or gender identity. Utilizing LGBT volunteers, they operate three national hotlines, LGBT National Hotline, LGBT National Youth Talkline, and LGBT National Senior Hotline. They also offer private volunteer one-to-one online chat, that helps both youth and adults with coming-out issues, safer-sex information, school bullying, family concerns, relationship problems and a lot more. They run weekly moderated chat rooms for LGBT youth and teens to find support and community.

www.translifeline.org – The Trans Lifeline offers direct emotional and financial support to trans people in crisis – for the trans community, by the trans community. Additionally, they have a living library that contains multiple tables,

holding info ranging from Federal down to specific county information per state about name changes & gender marker changes on IDs.

www.creative-capital.org – This site offers a list of resources for artists during COVID-19.

Healthcare Access: The Massachusetts Health Connector has designated a temporary special enrollment period beginning on March 11, 2020, and ending on April 25, 2020, for currently uninsured Massachusetts residents. More information may be found [here](#). If you work with clients/patients who are currently uninsured, please consider this opportunity to assist them to enroll in health insurance coverage for which they are eligible. The BRIDGE Program at CRI can assist in health insurance enrollment. They can be reached at (617) 502-1747 or www.crine.org/BRIDGE

Federal Lawmakers Push for Eviction Moratorium

Chris Lisinski

State House News Service

A group of representatives and senators in Congress are pushing the Trump administration to halt evictions during the coronavirus outbreak.

Representatives Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts and Katie Porter of California and Senators Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, Jeff Merkley of Oregon, and Bernie Sanders of Vermont penned a letter Tuesday to the Department of Housing and Urban Development urging a moratorium on evicting anyone

in HUD-assisted rental housing, public housing or those who receive Housing Choice Vouchers. Pressley and the senators also asked landlord trade associations to halt evicting their tenants.

“Evicting families puts their health at risk, imposes trauma on and disrupts the education of their children, and exacerbates the risk of outbreak in their communities,” they wrote to landlords. State lawmakers last week filed legislation that would pause evictions and foreclosures until Gov. Charlie Baker rescinds the state of emergency.

2020.03.17 Letter to HUD from Senators Warren, Merkley, Sanders, Reps Pressley, Porter

Senator Markey calls for halt to deportations, release of immigrants and closure of immigration courts

The following is a press release from Senator Markey’s office:

Senator Markey Calls on DHS to Halt Deportations, Release Immigrants from Detention

U.S. immigration detention centers have been called a “[public health] disaster waiting to happen,” due to their crowded conditions and Immigration and Custom Enforcement’s history of medical neglect and substandard care. Except in limited circumstances, the DHS has the authority to release noncitizens from detention while they await immigration court

proceedings. Senator Markey is calling on the Acting Secretary to use this authority and release eligible individuals from its custody.

Senator Markey is further calling on the Acting Secretary to order a halt to all unnecessary deportations. Deportations pose a serious risk for the spread of COVID-19, particularly given that time in detention and grueling travel may weaken immune defenses and exacerbate the risk of infection.

“Accelerating the spread of this disease is not in our national interest,” writes Senator Markey in his letter to Acting DHS Secretary Chad Wolf. “It is our responsibility to halt measures and policies that jeopardize our global health and prolong this crisis. Accordingly, needless deportations must stop.”

The following is from the State House News Service

Senator Markey Calls for temporarily closure of all immigration courts

U.S. Sen. Edward Markey asked federal officials Tuesday to temporarily close all immigration courts, citing President Donald Trump’s recommendation to avoid all gatherings of more than 10 people.

“Immigration courts host dozens of visitors and personnel each day, including immigrant respondents, immigration judges, attorneys, translators, clerks, and others,” Markey wrote.

“The continued operation of in-person immigration hearings presents a significant public safety risk.” He called it “irresponsible” to continue immigration court proceedings during the coronavirus pandemic, “particularly without any health and safety precautionary measures in place.” The Boston-based Lawyers for Civil Rights is also advocating for an end to “immigration raids, detentions, and deportations during the public health crisis.”

Today, as the number of COVID-19 cases reach 185,067 worldwide, Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) called on the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to immediately halt needless deportations and release from detention all immigrants who pose no public safety threat.

New Bedford's Zeiterion Theater postponements extended through April 30

For the health and safety of our audiences, artists, volunteers, and staff, we recently announced performances through March 31 were postponed or cancelled. To comply with the new CDC guidelines, we have extended the date for postponements and cancellations through April 30.

If you have tickets to a performance, event or class before April 30, you'll receive an email about next steps. For now, we have been able to reschedule some performances and are actively working to reschedule others. See the full list below.

Like all nonprofits, The Z relies on its patrons, members and donors who are the heart and soul of our mission to bring people together to experience the magic of live performance. With this pause in revenue, your support plays an even bigger role.

How can you help?

You can make a tax-deductible contribution, become a member or buy a gift certificate. If you can't make a rescheduled performance please consider gifting your tickets to a friend,

exchanging them for another performance, or donating them back to The Z.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding during these challenging times.

Performance Updates:

On a Winter's Night

Originally on March 12 and rescheduled to Friday, February 5, 2021

"He Named Me Malala"

March 18 screening to be rescheduled

Natalia Zukerman

March 19 performance cancelled

RAIN: A Tribute to the Beatles

March 22 performances to be rescheduled

Boston Comedy Jam

Originally on March 26 and rescheduled to Thursday, August 20, 2020

The Peking Acrobats

Originally on March 27 and rescheduled to Friday, October 9, 2020

Todd Baptista's Doo Wop

Originally on March 28 and rescheduled to Saturday, August 22, 2020

Buster Keaton Double Feature

Originally on March 29 and rescheduled to Sunday, August 30, 2020

The Beach Boys

April 1 performance to be rescheduled

Seven

April 2 performance cancelled

Llama Llama Live

April 5 performance cancelled

A League of Their Own – Movie Monday

April 6 screening cancelled

Grace Morrison – Stage Door Live!

April 9 performance to be rescheduled

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra: Happy Birthday Ludwig!

April 18 & 19 to be rescheduled

Schooltime performances have been cancelled through April.

Here My Voices: Win the Vote

3rd-7th grade

March 24 at 10AM and 12:30PM

Number the Stars

4th-8th grade

March 25 at 10AM and 12:30PM

Macbeth

9th-12th grade

March 31, 9:30AM

Llama Llama Live

Pre-K to first grade

April 6, 10AM

For continued updates, please visit
www.zeiterion.org/coronavirus-update.

Wishing everyone good health,

-Zeiterion Theater

Pandemic, Recession Forecasts Will Jolt Massachusetts State Budget

By Michael P. Norton

State House News Service

State tax collections in the current fiscal year could fall as much as \$500 million below benchmarks due to lost economic activity and the Legislature should act now to prepare for a downturn or the “significant likelihood” of a recession, the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation said Tuesday.

Calling on lawmakers to quickly revise revenue assumptions, the business-backed foundation said the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic will add to existing challenges associated with plans to ramp up education spending in a few months and tax law changes already scheduled to take effect.

A tax cut to spur charitable giving will kick in soon and retailers, hit hard by virus impacts, are facing additional increases in the minimum wage. And it’s not just tax revenues that are taking a hit: MBTA fare revenues are down due to fewer riders and gaming revenues are suffering due to closed casinos.

As the pandemic unfolds, lawmakers should prioritize emergency response spending to meet the challenges and curtail “non-essential” spending in the fiscal 2020 budget as well as the fiscal 2021 budget that’s currently under development, MTF said.

“Public health remains the paramount concern,” foundation President Eileen McAnneny said in a statement. “The impact on the Massachusetts economy and the state’s finances is unknown at this point but significant. In the coming months and years,

the state will be pressured to increase spending to respond to the crisis while revenues decline as a result of dramatically reduced economic activity.”

Over the first eight months of fiscal 2020, the state has collected \$18.428 billion in tax revenues, which were running 1 percent, or \$176 million, above the year-to-date benchmark through February and 5.2 percent above the same period in fiscal 2019. March collections will start reflecting the damage.

The length and depth of a recession “cannot yet be quantified,” MTF said, and the impact of fiscal 2021 revenues falling by 3 to 5 percent would range from \$2 billion to \$3 billion.

Separately from MTF, the editorial board of MassBenchmarks reported Tuesday that a global recession is a “virtual certainty” and its depth and length “will be driven by the evolution of the virus which will affect when people can resume their normal activities.” Board members reached their conclusion following a recent virtual meeting, its first ever, to honor the need for social distancing due to the growing public health threat presented by COVID-19.

The state has about \$3.5 billion built up in its rainy day savings account, a cash stash that was built up in case the state ran into difficulties. Fiscal assistance from the federal government could also help states to deal with the coronavirus fight.

“The state currently has a substantial rainy-day fund which could provide an important source of resources,” MassBenchmarks officials wrote in their new report. “But the state government is obliged to balance its budget and significant federal financial support will be essential to minimizing the economic disruption and human suffering associated with this crisis. Of particular importance will be

efforts to ensure the continued health of municipal and state bond markets and support for households experiencing income disruption as a result of the pandemic and its aftermath.”

In January, the Baker administration and Democratic legislative leaders agreed to base fiscal 2021 budget proposals on the assumption that tax revenues will grow a modest 2.8 percent. The agreement came weeks after legislators allocated a \$1 billion state budget surplus and it coincided with an announcement that the Baker administration was slightly boosting its revenue base for the fiscal 2020 budget.

The big budgetary decisions will likely be made by Baker, House Speaker Robert DeLeo, Senate President Karen Spilka, Administration and Finance Secretary Michael Heffernan, Senate Ways and Means Chairman Michael Rodrigues and House Ways and Means Chairman Aaron Michlewitz.

In January, Baker proposed a \$44.6 billion fiscal 2021 budget that featured big investments in education and public transit. Michlewitz, a North End Democrat, is now under pressure to revise Baker’s budget to deal with the changed circumstances.

“Managing the state’s finances is a key responsibility for policymakers in normal circumstances,” McAnneny said. “In extraordinary times like these, the fiscal decisions made during this time take on heightened importance as they will determine how well the state bounces back from this crisis.”

Freetown sees first case of

COVID-19

According to the Town of Freetown, a resident in Freetown has tested presumptive positive for COVID-19. The town said in a statement that the resident is currently in quarantine now and has been for a few days now.

The Town wanted to remind residents to make sure they are practicing good social distancing, washing hands regularly, using hand sanitizer when thorough washing isn't a possibility, avoiding face touching, coughing into an elbow and staying home from work when not well.

It is also important to call your primary care physician or local emergency room if you feel you meet the criteria for testing; do not simply show up to the office.

Mansfield and Easton have also confirmed cases. Today the Massachusetts Department of Public Health stated that there were 5 confirmed cases in Bristol County and 218 in the state.

Massachusetts Governor Baker to State: "Tough Days Ahead of Us"

By Katie Lannan
State House News Service

Cautioning of tough days ahead, state officials said Tuesday they are pursuing multiple ways to ramp up the capacity for coronavirus testing in Massachusetts and outlined several other new initiatives to address ramifications of the

pandemic.

Gov. Charlie Baker on Tuesday: "Without question, we are likely to have some very tough days ahead of us."

Gov. Charlie Baker, in an afternoon press conference, announced the distribution of \$5 million in emergency funds to local boards of health, along with new emergency orders he said will "cut red tape so hospitals can staff up faster," adjust minimum standards for ambulance staffing to maintain EMS availability, and facilitate telehealth services across state lines to help keep people out of hospitals in non-emergency situations.

The number of COVID-19 cases reported by public health officials in Massachusetts rose from 197 to 218 on Tuesday, including 21 hospitalizations. At least 33 of the cases involved local transmission, according to the Department of Public Health.

Baker said he is also formally requesting that the Small Business Administration issue a declaration of economic injury for Massachusetts to make low-interest loans available to small business owners affected by the outbreak. That move follows the governor's announcement Monday of a new \$10 million recovery loan fund for small businesses.

Baker said he was also glad to see federal officials "talking earlier today about a major recovery package." He said he expects to see "a significant spike" in the number of Massachusetts residents applying for and receiving unemployment benefits.

"Without question, we are likely to have some very tough days ahead of us as we are still at the beginning of the battle against this virus," Baker said. "But we continue to have great faith and confidence that we will get through this by pulling together, caring for one another, and doing what's right for our neighbors and our communities, because that is

who we are.”

Baker said he’d like to see “way more testing” for the coronavirus than is currently available, both to determine where the most significant challenges are and to plan for the future.

State health officials continue to encourage residents to engage in social distancing practices. Public Health Commissioner Dr. Monica Bharel said doing so “is a way for each one of us to have an impact on the outcome of the disease.”

“And I know it is challenging for your family and mine to do it, but it is critical in assisting us in flattening the curve,” she said.

Tuesday marked the first day of a new set of widespread closures in the Bay State. Under emergency orders from Baker, schools are shut down for at least three weeks, while restaurants are limited to takeout and delivery only. Most gatherings of 25 or more people are banned, and many people across the state are now working from home, often while juggling childcare responsibilities.

Executive branch employees will receive new telework guidance Tuesday, Baker said. He also said he does not currently have plans to order a statewide ban on regular construction activity like the citywide suspension Boston Mayor Martin Walsh imposed Monday.

Baker opened his remarks Tuesday by reiterating that he is not planning to issue a statewide shelter-in-place order, saying that rumors persist despite his past denials. He stressed the need to obtain information from reliable sources – “not from your friend’s friend’s friend’s friend’s neighbor” – and urged grocery shoppers to “use common sense and moderation and avoid hoarding large quantities.”

At around the same time Baker began his press conference, a group of 10 state representatives and local officials from Cambridge and Somerville sent him a letter urging the governor to follow the lead of communities in California's Bay Area and order that Massachusetts residents stay home except for trips related to essential needs.

The group asked Baker to issue a shelter-in-place order by the end of the day, saying it's "essential that the spread of the virus be suppressed to protect the ability of healthcare providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety."

Baker said that managing the spread of the illness is "going to come down here in Massachusetts to the work that everybody does collectively to deal with social distancing and to the extent that they possibly can, not being part of the spread, because that's going to be the mechanism that ultimately determines where the peak is and where it comes down.

The governor's new emergency orders on health care will allow the reactivation of licenses of physicians who have retired within the last year in good standing, and allow providers in other states to obtain emergency licenses to practice in person or through telemedicine.

They also stipulate that no doctor, nurse, social worker or psychologist will be prohibited from using telemedicine across state lines to care for their patients who have been enrolled this year in Massachusetts colleges or universities, which have largely moved to remote learning and sent students home.

The state is also "working all avenues to rapidly increase" capacity to test for the virus, said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders, who is leading a COVID-19 response command center.

Baker said he would like to see more testing, in part to assist the command center in its ongoing "scenario planning"

efforts with the medical community around what the ultimate demand for care might look like.

“From my point of view, I would like to see us test way more than we’ve tested up until now,” he said. “I mean, first of all testing is an important way of determining where you have your most significant issues and challenges, and secondly, it’s also something you can use as scenario planning.”

Sudders said she spoke Tuesday with local companies PerkinElmer and Thermo Fisher Scientific, who have both committed to help the state in testing. She said officials believe the Broad Institute, a partnership between Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, could serve as a state reference lab, with Thermo Fisher test kits.

“If we’re successful, the Broad Institute would be able to test almost 1,000 kits per day,” she said. “The PerkinElmer CEO has offered to supply the state lab with a testing machine and supplies with additional capacity for almost 1,000 tests per day.”

The command center is also “matchmaking” between academic medical centers that have machine capacity and companies that produce test kits and supplies, Sudders said.

The state public health laboratory had conducted 1,367 tests as of Tuesday morning, yielding 197 positive results. That number is up from 1,092 on Monday. Commercial labs Quest Diagnostics and LabCorp have reported a total of 384 tests, including 13 positives.

Testing numbers had previously been released on a weekly schedule, and Bharel said the new goal is to update those figures daily along with the number of cases.

Bharel said the state lab is able to test 400 patients a day, up from an original 200 a day, and maintains adequate supplies. She said the administration’s goal “is to continue

to increase our testing capability as quickly and as safely as we can.”

“But I understand that it is not at the fast pace that we would all prefer,” she said. “Some of this is due to federal level shortages that Massachusetts and many other states are facing. We are moving as quickly as we can.”

Immigrants’ Assistance Center temporarily suspended all in-person services

To protect the health and safety of clients, volunteers, staff and the wider community, the Immigrants’ Assistance Center, Inc. (IAC) has temporarily suspended in-person services during the Massachusetts state of emergency, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020. In-person services will resume when federal, state and local health officials advise it can be done safely.

□In addition, the IAC has taken the following steps:

Case managers are available during regular business hours for phone consultations with clients, and for limited in-person meetings regarding emergency health-related cases.

Client education and informational resources about COVID-19 are a top priority, with guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community-mitigation-strategy.pdf> being provided in multiple languages.

To ensure the health and safety of staff and clients who come

into the office for emergency meetings, screening for COVID-19 symptoms is underway, as is hand-washing before and after meetings, and thoroughly cleaning and sanitizing throughout and at the end of the day.

Communication is ongoing with USCIS to make sure all clients' due process rights are protected.

There will be an immediate impact placed on the IAC's resources to help with client needs, as the ramifications of COVID-19 will hit immigrant families very hard. Many of the IAC's clients are elderly and socially isolated, lack health insurance, paid sick days, child-care, and language skills to navigate complex and constantly shifting recommendations. Many are likely to lose their jobs.

The IAC is prepared to support immigrant families as we have for over 47 years, and is grateful to donors and supporters for making it possible to continue doing so during the unique circumstances of this public health crisis.

Wareham Police release Public Service Announcement in light of COVID-19

Due to the declared state of emergency with regard to the COVID-19 virus we are limiting public access to our station. A sign has been placed on the front door which reads the following:

Due to the declared state of emergency with regard to the COVID-19 virus we are asking the public to not enter the front

lobby of the police station unless you have an emergency or an appointment.

If you need to file a report or speak to an officer please utilize your cell phone from your vehicle by calling 508-295-1212.

In the event you do enter the lobby, please refrain from touching the counter and utilize the phone in the lobby by dialing extension 2269.

The Records Office is also closed; to obtain a police or accident report please email your request to records@warehampolice.com or call 508-295-8023 and the report will be mailed to you.

In addition, the Wareham Police Department will not be accepting any applications for renewal or new LTC or FID cards inside the station until further notice. Renewal applications will be accepted by mail only with copies of the following documents;

1. Copy of Massachusetts Driver's License.
2. Copy of birth certificate or passport.
3. Proof of residency- copy of utility bill, cell phone bill or bank statement.
4. Check made payable to the Town of Wareham for \$100.00

The members of the Wareham Police Department thank the public for their cooperation during this public health emergency.