

WEEKLY EVERBRIDGE CALL – JANUARY 18, 2020

Good evening. On behalf of the Select Board and the Board of Health, this is Fire Chief Charlie Doody with a public health update. As of December 18, 2020, the number of confirmed COVID cases in Canton is 717 with 119 probable cases. The number of deaths is now 60. Further details about Canton's status can be found on the COVID page on the Town of Canton's website.

<https://www.town.canton.ma.us/139/Board-of-Health>

Due to the increasing number of positive cases of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth and in the Town of Canton, all municipal offices will be moving to a *"by-appointment only" service model beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 21, 2020.*

Departmental phone numbers will be posted on each building entry door and have been added to the Town's web page. The appointment only service model is intended to limit contacts between visitors and employees to help aid in slowing the spread of the virus in Canton. For additional information regarding this policy, please call the office of the Select Board at 781-821-5000.

<https://www.town.canton.ma.us/27/Government>

Canton's COVID Taskforce will hold another in its series of webinars on Wednesday, December 30th at 4 pm to update residents on the town's status and to provide information on the COVID vaccines and the plan for distribution. Questions should be submitted in advance to covid19@town.canton.ma.us and received by noon on Monday, December 28th. Zoom log in information can be found on the town of Canton's website.

Finally, the data show that Canton's current surge began approximately 14 days after Thanksgiving with cases continuing to remain high in comparison to previous months. We anticipate that a similar pattern will occur after Christmas, resulting in a second surge of cases that will likely extend into the middle of January. In order to stem the tide of Canton's increasing case numbers, we once again ask you to do your part by celebrating Christmas with only those that live with you or with whom you gather frequently. We are hopeful the lessons learned from Thanksgiving will translate into fewer cases after Christmas.

Merry Christmas. Thank you for listening and stay well.