



Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

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Public Health Emergency Addendum to Patron Behavior Policy July 7, 2020

This policy is in force until further notice and is subject to change.

This policy follows the guidance of the Governor of NH and CDC to protect the health and safety of our patrons and staff.

I. ENACTMENT

This policy is established by the Town Manager in accordance with RSA 37-A:5, vesting the Town Manager with the authority to supervise Town property. These policies shall be in addition to, and shall not invalidate, any pre-existing policies of the Town. All persons entering the Town Hall shall be required to adhere to all Town policies. To the extent that these policies may be contrary or inconsistent with any pre-existing policies of the Town, this policy shall govern.

II. PURPOSE AND ENFORCEMENT

Policies regarding the health and safety of the staff and the public will be strictly enforced. The Town asks for the patience and respect of all patrons. Anyone who does not adhere to Town policies will be asked to leave the Town Hall.

Persons refusing to leave the Town Hall after being told to do so for violation of these policies will be construed as trespassing, and law enforcement will be contacted.

III. SAFETY PARAMETERS AND LIMITATIONS

1. The Town will enforce social distancing by limiting the number of people inside the Town Hall, limiting entrance and egress to certain doors, and setting physical distance parameters for waiting areas. The Town Manager shall establish these limits, which shall be established based on the mandates or advice of public health officials. Such parameters will be posted throughout the Town Hall.
2. Those both inside the Town Hall and in the designated waiting areas on the Town grounds must observe at least 6 feet of physical distance from others. Physical distancing guides will be posted throughout the Town Hall.
3. The Town Hall will require the use of a face covering for all those entering the Town Hall, to protect staff and public from infection. Face coverings are available to those who do not

bring their own, but due to the limitation of supplies of face coverings, individuals are encouraged to bring their own face coverings.

4. The Town Hall encourages the use of hand sanitizer on entry to the Town Hall and throughout an individual's visit to the Town Hall. The Town Hall will provide hand sanitizer at entry. Patrons are also strongly encouraged to frequently wash their hands using soap and water for twenty seconds or more (sing "Happy Birthday" twice).
5. The Town Hall has protective screens at all service areas. Those receiving services must stay behind the screen at the service desk.
6. Individuals experiencing symptoms of illness, or those with known exposure to COVID-19 may not enter the Town Hall. Individuals showing signs of illness will be required to leave the Town Hall.

Those unable to comply with these policies are strongly encouraged to use to contact Town Hall staff to obtain alternative accommodations.

IV. ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Many services provided by the Town can be done online or by telephone, and although the Town Hall may be open to the public, the Town strongly encourages individuals to avail themselves of these alternatives to access Town functions and services.

While the Town takes all safety guidelines and precautions seriously and will ensure that all action to make the Town Hall as safe and as sanitary as possible is taken, individuals should understand that it is not possible to guarantee that the Town Hall is free from infectious disease.

Those frequenting the Town Hall during the COVID-19 pandemic do so at their own risk and in recognition that, in entering the Town Hall, there is an unavoidable risk of contracting an infectious disease. Therefore, in entering the Town Hall, individuals shall be deemed to have voluntarily assumed the risk of contracting an infectious disease and shall not hold the Town Hall or the Town responsible in the event the individual contracts an infectious disease.

V. SEVERABILITY

In the event that any provision of these policies are deemed unlawful or unenforceable, the other provisions of this policy shall remain in full force and effect.

This policy is effective this 7th day of July 2020.



Mark A. Pearson, Town Manager