



Martha's Vineyard Emergency Manager's Association

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Local governmental agencies are developing new procedures in response to Governor's Emergency Declaration

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There were many meetings of the various local agencies held today, including Boards of Health, Hospital, EMS and Emergency Manager's to continue to plan and implement an effective response to the possible outbreak of COVID-19.

Town and county officials have discussed implementation of social distancing for public meetings, proper disinfectant methods and event cancellations in public buildings. They are training staff on how to implement these changes in Town Halls, Councils on Aging, libraries and other public facilities.

The Hospital has been addressing the evolving situation and has released information on their tighter precautionary measures that will take effect as of 7am on Friday March 13th. Please see MV Hospital press release attached for more details before heading to the hospital. Please consult your physician or local clinic via phone to discuss your symptoms, do not come into the hospital to get tested.

The Superintendent of Schools has also released information about postponing all out-of-state field trips scheduled through April, the school district preparing for possible school closures and information for parents for how to talk to children about the virus. See release attached for more information.

We will continue to update you as we receive new information.