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2020 Coronavirus Response

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The Emergency Operations Center joint command staff has met regularly once a week over the last five months to maintain situational awareness and prepare for future public outreach and potentially, operational involvement, with regard to each phase of the reopening as well as vaccination distribution. We have also addressed compliance with federal and state reimbursement programs related to the pandemic response.

After nearly five months of relatively little activity except for periodic clusters of cases, Douglas over the last three to four weeks has experienced a noticeable increase in COVID-19 positive test results. At first it appeared that we were looking at another set of clustered cases. Over the past week, however, we have noted a greater diversity of locations of cases, increasing cumulative numbers of active cases, and shorter time periods in between reports of new cases.

As of this morning, there are now eleven (11) active cases in Douglas.

We are taking several proactive steps to stay ahead of trends. The Fire Station is re-initiating screening of all who enter the building. All medical calls will be treated as potential COVID-19 exposure. Ambulance 2 therefore will be staffed to address the time constraints created by the resulting cleaning protocols.

Douglas residents are respectfully reminded of the challenges posed by a very contagious virus that often does not cause noticeable or major symptoms, especially in younger people. Wearing masks and maintaining physical distance from other people are frequently mentioned by various information. Hand washing is also a critical component in controlling the spread of any infectious condition.

The Board of Health has deferred to State guidance on Halloween activities, which refers to masking and distancing for those who choose to engage in traditional trick-or-treating. While the weather forecast for Saturday is for cold weather, residents are asked to avoid congregating in large numbers indoors. Please see the Town website for details.