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## Town Administrator's Report to Selectboard January 4, 2021

### Administration, Finance and Operations

- The State held their revenue consensus hearing on December 21. State tax collections are expected to exceed benchmark figures for FY22, but there is uncertainty as to how the pandemic, supply chain and other issues will affect finances. The Governor typically builds these projections into his budget for FY23, which will be released by January 26. That budget will give municipalities an indication of local aid, Chapter 70 school aid and other revenue sources in which to make local budget decision. [www.mma.org/budget-outlook-for-fy23-is-a-balance-of-strong-revenue-and-uncertainty/](http://www.mma.org/budget-outlook-for-fy23-is-a-balance-of-strong-revenue-and-uncertainty/)

### Community Highlights

- The Senior Center will be closed as of Noon on December 29<sup>th</sup> and plans to reopen on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> out of an abundance of caution due to COVID concerns. staff will be available by phone and email during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact us at 538-5030 option 3 or [coa@southhadleyma.gov](mailto:coa@southhadleyma.gov). The congregate lunch program will transition to curbside pickup effective Dec. 30. Call the Center by noon the day before to reserve your meal. An anonymous, suggested donation of \$2.25 for 60 or older and guests under 60 are charged \$6.50 per Federal Regulations. Menu: [www.southhadley.org/594/Nutrition-Program](http://www.southhadley.org/594/Nutrition-Program). Curbside pickup will be at the Senior Center at 45 Dayton Street at 12pm.
- The Fireside Chats at the Senior Center (formerly Coffee and Conversation) on January 7<sup>th</sup> with the Town Administrator will be postponed.
- GRO President and Registered Dietician, Dominique Deslauriers, RD, LDN wrote a grant and was awarded a \$2500 grant from the American Heart Association (AHA) Teaching Gardens Network grant program. The Youth GRO Community Garden Program is an 8 week integrative and educational youth garden experience. The program will take place bi-weekly at the community garden located at 100 Hadley St and is open to those currently in grades 2-12. Featured topics include: organic agriculture, pollination, composting, sustainability, farm to table approach, gardening at home, and more!

### Planning and Economic Development

- There will be a meeting of the South Hadley Redevelopment Authority on January 5<sup>th</sup> to introduce the new Town Administrator to the board.

**Public Health**

- 110 active confirmed cases as of 12/29. This does not include results from at-home test kits.
- A booster clinic will be held at the South Hadley High School on Thursday, January 6th from 2:30 - 6:30 and people should register using the link:  
<https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/behavioralhealth?calendar=ebf11a00-61d6-43ec-baf5-c5f51f8979b8>
- South Hadley, has been allocated 2,880 iHealth Labs OTC rapid antigen kits. All the kits have been delivered to low income and residents in need via the Board of Health, Council on Aging, Housing Authority, Veteran’s Services and Neighbors Helping Neighbors. There is no more available but the Town has the option to purchase more at the state’s negotiated bid price. The Town Administrator will work with the health Director on the continued response.
- The MA Department of Public Health is adopting updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding isolation and quarantine periods for the general population, effective immediately. For the general public, this updated guidance shortens the recommended time for isolation and quarantine from 10 days for people with COVID-19 to 5 days, if asymptomatic, followed by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others. Learn more about these changes on <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/what-to-do-if-you-have-covid-19-or-have-been-exposed-to-covid-19>. The updated isolation guidance applies to K-12 schools. At this time, quarantine guidance for K-12 schools remains unchanged. DESE’s current mask requirement and Policy on Vaccination Rate Threshold remains in effect. DPH is reviewing updated CDC guidance regarding isolation and quarantine for healthcare workers.

If You Test Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)	
<p>Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay home for 5 days.</li> <li>• If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.</li> <li>• Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.</li> </ul> <p><i>If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.</i></p>
If You Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine)	
<p><b>If you:</b></p> <p>Have been boosted  <b>OR</b>                  Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months  <b>OR</b>                  Completed the primary series of J&amp;J vaccine within the last 2 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear a mask around others for 10 days.</li> <li>• Test on day 5, if possible.</li> </ul> <p><i>If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.</i></p>
<p><b>If you:</b></p> <p>Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted  <b>OR</b>                  Completed the primary series of J&amp;J over 2 months ago and are not boosted  <b>OR</b>                  Are unvaccinated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.</li> <li>• If you can't quarantine you must wear a mask for 10 days.</li> <li>• Test on day 5 if possible.</li> </ul> <p><i>If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home</i></p>