

TOWN OF LYME  
BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
STEVEN MATTSON  
EXECUTIVE ORDER #2 OF MARCH 23, 2020

Whereas, the Governor of the State of Connecticut has issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United State and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and,

Whereas, under Connecticut Statute 28-8a, the Chief Executive Officer of a municipality has the power and duty to “take such actions as he deems necessary to mitigate the major disaster or emergency ...”; and,

Whereas, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

Whereas, the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher for individuals who are 60 years of age or older and for those who have chronic health conditions; and

Whereas, the Governor of the State of Connecticut has issued Executive Order 7H, dated March 20, 2020, limiting the workplace operations of non-essential businesses;

Now, therefore, I, Steven Mattson, Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Lyme, do hereby order and direct:

1. That all municipal buildings and facilities shall be closed, and all town employees will be required to work from home to the best of their abilities. Such closures shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. That the public works department shall operate at the lowest manpower levels possible to protect the town. That emergency responses will be available to the extent possible that protects employees from exposure. Such procedures will remain in effect until further notice.
3. That all municipal boards and commissions shall endeavor to conduct mandatory town business via phone-in capabilities effective immediately. Such meetings conducted using phone-in capabilities will continue to be held under the quorum and FOI conditions presently in effect unless suspended by the Governor. Such procedures shall remain in effect further notice.

Dated at Lyme, Connecticut, this 23rd day of March, 2020.

Steven Mattson  
First Selectman and  
Chief Executive Officer