

## TOWN OF WESTWOOD

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Westwood Residents,

Today, the Fire Chief received notification that one of our firefighters tested positive for COVID-19. Due to the nature of their work, the firefighter had come into contact with nine other firefighters while on-duty; however, the firefighter did not have any contact with the public. Evaluation and formal testing will occur for the impacted firefighters.

This afternoon, a firefighter working out of our Islington Fire Station was sent home after presenting with a fever. Further testing of this firefighter and testing of the on-duty firefighters will occur.

Effective this evening the Islington Fire Station is temporarily closed to be cleaned and sanitized and will reopen after this work is complete. The Town will continue to run our fire operations out of our Fire Headquarters on High Street. The department will continue to staff as if two stations were open. We will work diligently to reopen the Islington Fire Station as soon as possible.

As you may have heard, we are entered a very challenging period, so please follow the stay at home order issued by Governor Baker, practice social distancing when you have to leave your home and please follow the face covering guidance from our local Board of Health.

Working together we can help slow down the spreading of COVID-19, please visit our website <a href="https://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us">www.townhall.westwood.ma.us</a> for more information and updates.

Thank you,

Christopher Coleman Town Administrator Town of Westwood

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