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Public Notice #10 2020 Coronavirus Response

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The Town of Douglas received notice of its first case of COVID-19 on March 24. As of 9:00 AM today, the Town now has 6 (six) confirmed cases. Over the next two weeks, the number of total reported cases will go up, as the combination of additional testing and increased development of symptoms in those exposed before preventive measures began in earnest run their course.

The coronavirus is highly contagious and the full measure of people exposed and taking ill as a result will not be fully known for some time. The public can expect this situation to continue through the end of April at the least.

All Town buildings are closed to the public until further notice. The Transfer Station remains open, except for the recycling area. Frequent interactions between people in the recycling area, including Transfer Station staff, have made it unwise to keep it open.

The Town continues to take a proactive stance when it comes to planning for a deepening of the public health situation and resulting economic disturbance. The Town Nurse and Board of Health staff interact with those who test positive to review quarantine protocols and to coordinate assistance, if needed. We are monitoring the outlook for Town Meeting and reallocating staff and budget as needed for emergency response.