

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – COVID 19 AND TURF USE PROTOCOLS

Face Coverings/Masks

Mask wearing is not required in an outdoor setting but if an individual feels inclined to wear a mask they should do so.

Pre-Entry Health Check

Anyone who is ill or experiencing cold symptoms should not attend Town Meeting and should stay home and contact their primary care physician. A questionnaire is printed on the next page for individuals to assess their health prior to entering the Town Meeting area.

Bus Transportation

Bus transportation will be provided if the High School parking lots become full. Face coverings/masks must be worn by passengers and only designated seats may be occupied. Windows are to remain open on the bus.

Social/Physical Distancing*

All attendees, workers and participants at Town Meeting, when not seated, are to follow physical distancing guidelines and provide at least 6 feet of space between themselves and others.

- There will be physical barriers for check in areas. Please do not cross any physical barriers.
- Please maintain 6 feet of distance when waiting in line. There will be visual physical distancing markers to allow you to remain 6 feet from the next person where we anticipate that lines may form (e.g., lines for equipment if applicable, checkout lines, and lines to use the restroom).
- There will be directional pathways to manage the flow of foot traffic and to minimize contact (e.g., one-way entrance and exits, one-way pathways). These will be clearly visible and should be followed.
- Seating will be by household and will be configured to ensure at least 3-6 feet of distance between groups and space to allow for travel between groups.

Signage

Signage will be posted throughout the High School grounds that will explain physical distancing and face covering protocols.

Weather

Be prepared for all weather conditions and dress accordingly. The meeting will be held rain or shine. In the event of severe weather, the stadium will be evacuated and members of the public will be instructed to turn in their voting devices prior to leaving the field. If Town Meeting cannot return due to weather, the meeting will continue on Monday, October 4, 2021.

Food and Water

Water can be brought into the turf field seating area. No beverages other than water are allowed. No food of any kind is allowed on the turf field. Bottled water will be provided if desired.

Hand Sanitizing Stations

Hand sanitizing stations will be provided by the Town. Hand sanitizer is not allowed on the field. This will be strictly enforced as hand sanitizer destroys the turf.

Bathroom Use

The Town will provide at least 2 areas with bathrooms. Signage will be provided at bathroom entranceways with public bathroom use protocols. Face coverings/masks are required. Field House COVID-19 bathroom capacity will be posted and no more than the capacity will be allowed inside the bathroom to maintain proper physical distancing.

Microphone Use

In addition to stationary microphones, as is customary, there will be at least one boom microphone that can be brought to speakers.

Departure from Town Meeting

Once Town Meeting has concluded, areas will be dismissed in sections to prevent a large crowd gathering.

Mosquito Repellent Protocols

Attendees should apply mosquito repellent, if they wish, before they arrive at Town Meeting.

COVID-19 Health Screening Questionnaire*

Please review the screening questions below prior to your arrival at Town Meeting. These questions are for your own use. If you reply yes to any of the questions, we strongly urge you to not attend. Please stay home if you are feeling unwell. This is for your safety and others. Thank you.

Do you currently or recently have had:

Temperature above 100.4° Fahrenheit?

Fever or chills?

Atypical shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?

Muscle or Body Aches?

Unusual fatigue?

Atypical dry cough?

Atypical runny/stuffy nose?

Atypical sore or irritated throat?

Vomiting/diarrhea, nausea, abdominal pain?

Atypical headache or muscle aches?

Loss of sense of smell or taste?

*Note: these protocols may change prior to Town Meeting depending on any updated guidance from the CDC.

SUGGESTIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL TOWN MEETING:

PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY

BRING YOUR TOWN WARRANT

BRING AN UMBRELLA FOR PROTECTION FROM SUN OR RAIN

BRING WATER IN ORDER TO HYDRATE

DRESS IN LAYERS IN CASE OF A WARM OR COOL DAY

REMEMBER TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE

READ YOUR WARRANT

COME READY TO VOTE

SEE YOU THERE!