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## Status of Public Buildings and Council on Aging Services:

In an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus (Covid-19), protect the public, and protect Harvard's employees the Town of Harvard is closing all access (by the public) to its public buildings. This does not include public safety buildings and will not impact rides provided by the Harvard Council on Aging (more on this below). This will take effect on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and will remain in place until Friday April 3, 2020 at which time we will evaluate the situation and make a determination of either continuing the closure or announce when we will open to the public again.

The Council on Aging has cancelled their programs and the building (Hildreth House) will be closed to the public but the COA will continue to provide van services to seniors. We ask that if you are exhibiting symptoms of the virus, have been in contact with someone who has the virus, or have travelled outside the country that you not use our van services. If you are exhibiting signs of the virus then the van driver will not transport you. Prepackaged Minuteman hot meals can be delivered on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11am and 12pm by volunteers who have been trained in proper protocol for delivery personnel. To get a hot lunch delivered, please call the COA at 978-456-4120 and ask to be added to the list. These measures are in place to prevent the spread of the virus and to protect our most vulnerable population, our seniors.

While Public Buildings will be closed to public access, staff will be working normal hours and will be available by phone or on-line. We will be posting additional details on how to access services during this pandemic. We will also continue to make information available to the public through our website (<a href="www.harvard.ma.us">www.harvard.ma.us</a>) and if you have any questions you can send them to <a href="masktheta@harvard.ma.us">asktheta@harvard.ma.us</a> and they will be answered.

Thank you for understanding and assisting us as we work our way through these trying times.