This is Lynn Sibley, Emergency Management Director. The Town of Whately is asking residents to take the "Stay at Home" Order, issued by Governor Baker, seriously and to continue following the guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to keep themselves and loved ones safe during the COVID19 pandemic. To help prevent the spread of COVID19 please stay home as much as possible especially if you are an older resident and/or have pre-existing medical conditions.

However, if you must go out please remember to avoid groups, stay six feet away from others, and do not shake hands or hug. Please also wash your hands frequently or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

COVID19 is a serious illness that is spreading across the Commonwealth with a surge of new cases, including one in our town. Those affected are currently in isolation and close contacts are quarantining themselves in accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health requirements. The case is being monitored by a public health nurse working on behalf of the Foothills Health District and the Whately Board of Health. Due to privacy concerns, no additional information will be released about the confirmed cases. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding during these difficult times. Thank you for listening.