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### **MARCH 17, 2020, CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FROM THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS**

NORTH ADAMS, MA (March 17, 2020)

Friends,

After several days of big announcements and bigger changes, today has felt like a day when we've all been adjusting to the "new normal." We are learning how to manage with changes in how city services are delivered, getting used to the idea that our favorite bars and restaurants are only open for delivery and take out services, and learning to practice "social distancing," while remaining connected to our family, friends, and neighbors, colleagues, and community members in new ways. The coming days and weeks will surely bring new challenges, and we will continue to respond using the best information available to us, and to share information with the community.

The liaisons with the Northern Berkshire COVID-19 Operations Center are receiving questions that individuals and agencies may have specific to COVID-19 and what services they may need or may have to offer, and making connections to help meet needs and connect people to resources. I know their work will be incredibly important in helping to support the needs that exist in our community, and especially those pressures that may feel even more urgent in the face of COVID-19. They are available at 413-662-3614 or [nbcovid@gmail.com](mailto:nbcovid@gmail.com).

In the meantime, PLEASE continue to follow the recommendations about social distancing. The more people can avoid gathering in public spaces the more we can do to slow the spread of the Coronavirus. As mentioned before, this is incredibly important because when we are successful in slowing the spread of the pandemic, we are helping to keep our healthcare system from getting overwhelmed.

Finally, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, I say to us all, Sláinte! (Health!)

Mayor Tom Bernard