

## Pittsfield Police Department Media Release

## \*\*\*\*For Immediate Release\*\*\*\*

**Subject: COVID-19 Operational Adjustments** 

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As is the case with businesses, organizations, and government entities around the world, the Pittsfield Police Department has curtailed non-essential functions to the greatest practical extent. These adjustments are necessary in order to limit exposure between our staff, as well as between our staff and the public, so that we may continue to effectively respond to necessary calls for service 24/7/365. We are asking that the public refrain from entering our building for non-emergency services. Citizens are encouraged to call 413-448-9700 with questions regarding the availability of services not listed. Dispatch (option 1) and Patrol (option 4) continue to be staffed 24/7/365. DO NOT HESITATE TO DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES.

The following offices/services have either suspended or greatly reduced their availability:

- Child Safety Seats Installations or inspections will be limited to only safety seats that will be for those parents or guardians that are expecting or have a newborn.
- 2. Fingerprinting Services
- 3. Firearms License/Permit Processing Applications are available online <a href="https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-firearms-license">https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-firearms-license</a>
  We encourage applicant to mail hard copy applications. We will then contact you for further steps as the current situation allows.
- 4. Fleet Maintenance
- 5. Food Donations Although we greatly appreciate outside food donations, we will not be accepting any during this pandemic.
- 6. In-Person Sex Offender Registration (please call for partial registration)
- 7. Medication Disposal
- Records Requests Only time sensitive requests will be processed.
   Crash Reports should be mailed to our Records Department, 39 Allen Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201
- 9. Station Tours

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As always, reports of past misdemeanor crimes with no known suspects can be submitted via the REPORT A CRIME link on the right side of our main webpage:

http://www.pittsfieldpd.org/fight-crime/report-a-crime/

We also ask that citizens follow the well-publicized health recommendations to be hyper vigilant about individual protective measures and social distancing. These steps are imperative if we are to, collectively across the country, "flatten the curve" regarding the spread of this deadly virus.

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