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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**COVID-19 UPDATE – 3/19/2020**

Daily, we continue to respond to the new challenges the COVID-19 virus sends our way. Today, the Board of Health was informed of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case involving a maintenance worker at the MassPike Westbound Service Station. The Service Station building has been closed following this development until any potential exposure risks can be mitigated. As a precaution, the staff of the Service Station have been placed under a self-quarantine order.

MassDOT is assisting in the closure of the facility. Access to the fuel station will remain available during this closure. The individual who tested positive is not a Town of Charlton resident, but we do hope for a quick recovery.

As an update to the condition of our Fire Department personnel, the Town is actively working to coordinate COVID-19 tests for those who were exposed to our first positive case. Once these members receive a negative test result, we will be able to get our department back up to full staff. Thank you to the guidance of MassDPH and our partners in the legislature for working with us to get us the appropriate resources to address this situation.

Continue to protect yourself by following public health advice about keeping your hands clean, and covering coughs and sneezes. Stay home if you are sick and protect others who are most at risk of COVID-19 by keeping your distance from people (at least 6 feet away from others), especially those who are older, and people living with chronic health conditions. If you feel that you may have been exposed or are showing symptoms of the virus, please call your physician.

We will continue to provide updates on the COVID-19 impacts to the community and remain available to the public remotely as we continue to fight this virus. Please visit <https://www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus> for the latest news, case counts, and lab testing results or visit [www.townofcharlton.net](http://www.townofcharlton.net) for updates on town operations during this time.

Sincerely,

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