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WITH YOU.

• Today, *The Telegraph* joins newspapers across the country in solidarity to remind civic leaders, residents and business owners that they are not alone in facing the COVID-19 epidemic, which we will overcome TOGETHER.

Just a few short weeks ago, we all were going about our daily lives without a care in the world, unaware of the looming worldwide health crisis that would consume our lives and change our all-too-comfortable routines for weeks or even months to come.

Through these uncertain times, *The Telegraph* – as it has for more than 187 years – has been there for you, bringing you the most up-to-date and accurate local reports about the COVID-19 outbreak. While it is our duty to the community to report the facts about the spread of this serious threat to public health, it also is our responsibility to highlight the many good deeds that go on behind the scenes that help to protect us and make our new – but temporary – way of life more comfortable and pleasant.

From the good work being done by the United Way of Greater Nashua, our local chambers of commerce, clergy members and everyday

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citizens, Greater Nashua and the Souhegan Valley are full of generous, good-hearted, brave and wonderful people. This, of course, is something we have long known, but a crisis has a way of bringing that to the forefront of our collective consciousness. It reminds us how truly fortunate we are to live in such an amazing place.

On the front lines of this battle are our medical professionals, who are working tirelessly to treat and halt the spread of the coronavirus. So, too, are our elected officials, who have been working non-

stop to educate and protect fellow citizens.

New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu put it best when he said, “The resiliency and spirit of Granite Staters is unmatched. We work together as neighbors and friends. And when we work together as a community, we do it really, really well.”

Together, indeed, we will overcome this crisis, rebuild and return to normal.

Spanning nearly 20 decades, *The Telegraph* has navigated the choppy seas of world wars, local and national disasters, floods, assassinations of presidents and terrorist acts alongside members of this remarkable community. Through it all, we have persevered – together.

Our commitment to you never has been stronger, and we will continue to be there for you, providing local quality, fact-based, reliable and compelling reporting, each and every day.

When this pandemic passes (and it will) – in the words of famed U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy – “The work begins anew. The hope rises again. And the dream lives on.”

COVID-19 Coronavirus

Four deaths in Mass.; expanded order in R.I.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A look at developments related to the coronavirus around New England.

CONNECTICUT
President Donald Trump has approved a disaster declaration for Connecticut, allowing federal help for state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in parts of the state affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The declaration, which was approved

Saturday, makes federal funding available for emergency protective measures.

For most people, the virus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, or death.

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AG to police: Use discretion when charging violators

By NANCY WEST
Special to The Telegraph

CONCORD – Businesses and people who repeatedly violate COVID-19 emergency orders could face criminal charges, according to Attorney General Gordon MacDonald, but he cautioned police to use discretion in most cases.

“That discretion should be exercised with great care,” MacDonald said in a memo to law enforcement agencies. It was sent out Friday when Gov. Chris Sununu’s Stay-at-Home Emergency Order No. 17 went into effect mandating New Hampshire people stay home with some exceptions and all non-essential businesses close.

People could face misdemeanor charges and businesses could be charged with felonies in some cases for violating emergency orders, MacDonald said.

And he said police can use the “force that is necessary” to detain people who violate mandatory isolation or quarantine orders.



New Hampshire Attorney General Gordon MacDonald urged discretion by law enforcement officials on issuing citations to those violating the stay-at-home order. AP photo

The emergency orders were issued to address a public health emergency, MacDonald stressed.

“Therefore, the primary objective should be to inform the public of the

order, its importance to public health and to seek voluntary compliance,” MacDonald said.

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