

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE ARLINGTON 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Dear Town Meeting Members:

Amid all of the chaos of the new normal, we find ourselves at that time of year when we gather as citizen legislators. The business of the Town, specifically coming together to set our path for success in FY 2021, does go on. However, it is safe to say we will gather in a manner that is significantly different than years past. With the safety of our Town Meeting Members, Town Officials and volunteers as our guide posts, here is what you can expect on Monday, June 15th when you arrive at the Arlington High School Football Stadium.

PLAN SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF HEALTH REGULATIONS CHANGE

1. Please arrive early, doors open at **6:00 p.m.**, **the meeting will start promptly at 6:30 p.m.** without all the usual pomp and circumstance. We will merely swear in new members and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Masks are strongly encouraged from the moment you exit your car upon arrival until the moment you return to your car after the meeting. If you have a medical reason why you cannot wear a mask, please inform the volunteer personnel as you approach the stadium, and before you enter the screening area.
3. If you attend with a family member that you **reside** with, please stay together throughout the arrival and registration process and until you enter the football stadium. Otherwise, enter individually, maintaining a safe 6-foot distance from others.
4. As you approach the stadium, you will be directed into one of 3 lines for checking in and screening. Please maintain safe distancing by standing next to the traffic cone until the person in front of you advances.
5. A volunteer will direct you to one of the registration tables designated by precincts. You will need to find a specific table based upon your precinct.
6. After checking in a volunteer will direct you onto the field. As you exit the registration area, please be mindful of others that are entering and exiting, please continue to allow safe distance between you and others.

7. Upon entering the field, a volunteer will direct you to a seat on the field. Seats will be placed in specific spots and we request that you not move the chair for any reason. If you would like to request to sit near a family member, please see a volunteer.
8. Once seated, unfortunately we are required to ask that you remain seated for the duration of the meeting. If you intend to speak, you will be safely directed to a stationary microphone and given instructions on a safe path to take.
9. Prepare accordingly. The school will be closed to all residents with the exception of the football stadium. We will have limited bathroom facilities available.
10. Please bring your own bottled water.
11. At the conclusion of the meeting, safety officials will dismiss attendees by row. Please wait until your row is released. Upon dismissal, please exit as directed, and proceed to your vehicle. Please do not congregate in the parking lot or outside the school.

By adhering to all of these precautions and moving about as directed by our public safety officials, we can all contribute to making the Town Meeting as safe as possible. At all times, please follow the directions of our safety officials. I have the fullest confidence that Arlington will rise to this occasion.

John D. Leone
Town Moderator