

Town of Wellfleet
Health and Conservation Department
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Dear Residents and Visitors of Wellfleet:

I am writing to let you know that we have four active Covid-19 cases in our community today. Cases are on the rise nationwide, in the Commonwealth, on Cape Cod, and here in Wellfleet. I am writing as a reminder to remain vigilant and to ask that you continue to practice good public health measures, and limit unnecessary gatherings.

Last week, due to increasing cases and hospitalizations statewide, the Governor announced a revision to the mask and face coverings Order. Masks and face coverings are now required by all persons over the age of 5 years old, when in a public location, whether indoors or outdoors. Masks or face coverings are encouraged but not required for children between the ages of 2 and 5.

Public locations include any place open to the public including, without limitation, grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retail stores; public transportation, taxis, livery, and other ride-sharing vehicles; public streets and ways, and any location that hosts indoor or outdoor events or performances. Masks or face coverings are also required when in a carpool with non-household members.

Exceptions to the face covering requirement apply in the following circumstances: where a person is unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical or disabling condition; where a face covering would impede communication by or with a person who has a hearing impairment or other disability; and when a person is inside a personal vehicle, alone or with household members; when eating and drinking in restaurants, receiving dental care, and swimming.

In addition, the Governor revised the Order regulating gatherings in the Commonwealth. Indoor gatherings at private residences are limited to a maximum of 10 people. Outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to a maximum of 25 people. Social distancing of 6 feet and mask wearing also applies to all private gatherings. Social distancing is not required for members of the same household. All gatherings, no matter the size or location, must end and participants must disperse by 9:30 pm, with the exception of religious gatherings and political gatherings.

Lastly, an Order was placed for a mandatory night-time closure period from 9:30 pm to 5:00 am for certain businesses and activities. These businesses include but are not limited to; restaurants, provided however that restaurants may offer food and non-alcoholic beverages for take-out and

by delivery during the mandatory closing period; indoor and outdoor recreation; indoor and outdoor events; movie theaters and performance venues; youth and amateur sports activities; recreational boating and boating businesses; fitness centers and health clubs; and close contact personal services. This Order also restricts the service and sale of alcohol and adult use cannabis during the mandatory closing period.

I am thankful for the hard work you have all done following the guidance to stop the spread of this virus. It is critical that we continue over the coming days and weeks to wear our face coverings, practice social distancing, reduce and eliminate unnecessary gatherings, avoid touching surfaces frequently touched by others, and try to use remote modes of communication instead of visiting friends and family. Following these measures will help us ensure the safety of our community and our loved ones.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me by email at Hillary.lemos@wellfleet-ma.gov or by phone 508-349-0308.

Yours,



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