

Wellfleet Seasonal Residents Association

Promoting community involvement and communication

Wellfleet Update and How You Can Help

Most of you are probably not on the Cape now. If you are wondering what is happening in Wellfleet in the early weeks of the pandemic, here is the most up-to-date information we can give you.

The Cape Cod Times reports that local markets are having trouble keeping their shelves stocked. The Wellfleet Marketplace has limited each shopper to two of any item. With almost everything shut down, many people have lost their jobs and food insecurity, always a problem on the Cape, is affecting more Wellfleetians than ever. In response, Bruce Bierhans, a volunteer active in many of the town's non-profits, and Trudy Vermehren, who owns the Fox & Crow Café on the corner of Commercial and Bank Streets, have been providing free "grab and go" meals from her restaurant. They have been fundraising on Facebook and have raised nearly \$15,000 so far to support their efforts. You can donate by going to this [Facebook page](#) (if you are on Facebook) or by sending a check made out to Trudy Vermehren to 6 Commercial Street, Wellfleet, MA 02667. Please help if you can.

Like the rest of Massachusetts, Cape Cod is now experiencing community spread of the virus. "People need to assume they have come into contact with the coronavirus," state Sen. Julian Cyr (D-Truro) said during a teleconference with Cape Cod Healthcare officials on March 18. [Testing](#) is available at the Outer Cape Health Center in Wellfleet as well as Provincetown, and Harwich Port. If you develop symptoms of Covid-19 while on the Cape, call Outer Cape Health at (508) 905-2888.

Cape Cod Hospital is experiencing supply limitations. It also has only 24 ICU beds. Consider staying off Cape till later to help flatten the curve of infection if you can.

You can get more information from the town [website](#) or the Wellfleet Community Space on [Facebook](#). Anyone can join the Facebook group. The Select Board is working on new support procedures and will have them up on the town webpage.

The closing of restaurants around the country is bound to have a severe impact on people who make their living from Wellfleet's shellfish industry.

No one can say what the state of things will be by the summer. Will

restaurants be open or closed? Will seasonal rentals be up or down? Will the beaches be open? Will we be able to hold our annual summer programs? As soon as we know more, we will let you know.

Please practice physical distancing and social connecting. Be well. We will be in touch. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach to info@wnrta.org.