

# Wellfleet Seasonal Residents Association

*Promoting community involvement and communication*

COVID-19 Update #7 June 3, 2020

1. Wellfleet town officials, along with others on the Cape, are waiting for Governor Baker's expected June 6<sup>th</sup> announcement as to whether, as expected, short-term rentals will be allowed in Phase 2 of the reopening of the state, which may begin as early as June 8. The town has to follow the Governor's regulations, but may add on to them. Right now, there is a sense that Wellfleet will be joining with other outer Cape towns so that there is uniformity in regulations.

Some of the issues include whether there will be any minimum time periods for the rentals and whether the rules for those renting homes will differ from rules for bed and breakfast places, hotels. Stay tuned. This should become clearer next week.

The Wellfleet Health Department, building on state requirements, has [proposed draft regulations](#) on short term rentals that will be discussed at a public meeting on June 10 at 1 pm. The head of the town board of health made it clear these proposals are "not set in stone." For more on this meeting see the town [website](#).

The key *proposed* requirements are an online Rental Certification of Registration from the Board of Health, inspections within three years of registration, and standards for maintenance and occupancy. The proposed fee for the certification is \$300 per unit for three years. None of the proposed regulations require any special sanitizing or speak to the time between turnovers.

2. The state has given [guidance](#) on safety standards, recommended best practices, and a checklist for restaurants. The Wellfleet Board of Health is working with local restaurants on preparations for their reopening; many are already open for take-out. On June 2, the Select Board voted to support outdoor dining when this becomes possible. Appropriate town boards and departments are working to support this.

[Best practices](#) for lodgings have also just been announced.

3. While the town waits for state guidance on recreational areas, the latest information from the Beach Administrator is as follows:

- No in person Beach and Transfer sticker sales this year.
- Visitor stickers will be sold only [online](#) and only after June 13th
- All beach parking lots will have only 75% of the spaces available to facilitate social distancing on the beaches. If beach goers fail to observe social distancing, the percentage could be changed.
- No permits will be issued for beach fires this year.

4. No seasonal recreational shellfish licenses will be sold; annual ones are

available to residents and non-resident taxpayers.

5. State Representative Sarah Peake and State Senator Julian Cyr attended the May 26<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting of the Select Board. They made clear much planning is being done on a Cape-wide basis and asked for patience as the details are worked out.

6. We are all going to need that patience and understanding, especially when people start queuing up in their cars at Newcomb very early in the morning. I suggest we all consider getting our bicycles tuned up. In the words of outgoing Town Administrator Dan Hoort: "Be kind to one another."

Sincerely,

Susan Reverby, President  
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