

Guidance to Cape & Islands Seasonal Community

Information for Members of Cape Cod & the Island's Seasonal Community:

Updated as of June 9, 2020 - [Effective through the end of Phase 2 of Governor Baker's Phased Plan to Reopen Massachusetts.](#)

Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and the Elizabeth Islands appreciate, welcome, and depend on you, our visitors, seasonal residents, non-resident homeowners, and seasonal workforce. On June 8, 2020, Massachusetts entered the first part of Phase 2 of opening businesses and organizations.

Cape Cod and the Islands are now welcoming visitors with some restrictions:

- Accommodations of all types (including short term rental of homes, condos, and cottages)
- Outdoor seated dining and take out
- Retail shops
- Outdoor historic and recreational activities

Please check with your host or local business for specific opening dates and available amenities.

We care about your health and ours, thus all enterprises must certify participation in the [Commonwealth's Mandatory Safety Standards](#). Please be patient and follow health advisories as we all try to adjust to this "new normal".

We have been successful in limiting the extent of the spread of COVID-19 in our communities by implementing early and vigilant social distancing measures per the guidance of public health officials. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health warns that all of Massachusetts remains vulnerable to new cases due to the highly contagious and insidious nature of this disease.

We all must do our part to remain safe and healthy by following the common sense precautionary measures outlined by public health officials:

- Follow public health guidelines and orders:
 - Wash your hands and clean surfaces frequently
 - [Protect yourself and others with a face covering/mask in public places where social distancing is not possible](#)
 - Practice social distancing by remaining 6 feet away from others
 - Stay vigilant for symptoms and stay home if you're sick
- Please be advised that the Governor of Massachusetts has issued a travel advisory through Phase 2. Visit [Mass.gov/reopening](#) for details and updates.
 - Individuals are instructed not to travel if they are displaying symptoms

- If exhibiting flu like symptoms or experiencing respiratory illness, do not go to work. Contact a local healthcare provider for instructions on accessing care.
- Check and follow advisories on transportation, especially if you are traveling by ferry or air
- [Note that gatherings of 10 or more have restrictions during Phase 2](#)
- For information regarding Massachusetts COVID-19 response, please visit: [Mass.gov/covid19](https://www.mass.gov/covid19) and [Mass.gov/reopening](https://www.mass.gov/reopening)

We appreciate your support of our local economy.

With your help, and all of us working together, Cape Cod and the Islands will recover from this virus and these challenging economic times. We look forward to welcoming you back. Thank you for supporting this place that we all love by respecting this guidance.



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