

# Guidance to Cape & Islands Seasonal Community

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

Updated as of August 6, 2020 - [Effective through the end of Phase 3 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 July 6, 2020, Massachusetts entered the first part of Phase 3 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)
- Seated dining and take out
- Retail shops and museums
- 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:

- There is a mandatory face covering/mask order in Massachusetts. Wear a face covering in public places where social distancing is not possible. Visit [this link](#) for details. Please know that certain towns or areas of the Cape & Islands have further mandates where residents and visitors are required to wear masks even if they are able to social distance.
- Please be advised that the Governor of Massachusetts has signed an Executive Order effective August 1, 2020 that affects travelers to Massachusetts.
  - All visitors entering Massachusetts including returning residents, unless traveling from a state designated by the Department of Public Health as a [lower risk state](#) or otherwise meet an exemption, must:
    - Complete the [Massachusetts Travel Form](#)

- Quarantine for 14 days or produce a negative COVID-19 test that has been administered 72 hours prior to arrival in MA. Please visit [this link](#) for specifics on how to quarantine.
- Visit [mass.gov/matraveler](https://mass.gov/matraveler) to see a full explanation of exemptions and see if the new requirements apply to you and your family.
- For specific information, please read the full COVID-19 travel order at [this link](#).
- Follow public health guidelines and orders:
  - Wash your hands and clean surfaces frequently
  - Practice social distancing by remaining 6 feet away from others
  - Stay vigilant for symptoms and stay home if you're sick
- For information regarding Massachusetts COVID-19 response, please visit: [Mass.gov/covid19](https://Mass.gov/covid19) and [Mass.gov/reopening](https://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.



MARTHA'S VINEYARD  
HOSPITAL



**Bill Keating**  
U.S. Representative  
9th Congressional District

**Julian Cyr**  
State Senator  
Cape and Islands District

**Susan L. Moran**  
State Senator  
Plymouth & Barnstable District

**Timothy R. Whelan**  
State Representative  
1st Barnstable District

**William L. Crocker, Jr.**  
State Representative  
2nd Barnstable District

**David T. Vieira**  
State Representative  
3rd Barnstable District

**Sarah K. Peake**  
State Representative  
4th Barnstable District

**Dylan A. Fernandes**  
State Representative  
Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket District

**Randy Hunt**  
State Representative  
5th Barnstable District