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Town & County of Nantucket

Coronavirus Response Team

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TOWN OF NANTUCKET: JOINT PETITION TO GOVERNOR BAKER FROM NANTUCKET AND MARTHA’S VINEYARD

At its 3/25/20 meeting, the Nantucket Select Board signed a letter, also signed by the 6 towns on Martha’s Vineyard, requesting the Governor to exempt the Islands from the application of his March 23, 2020 Order designating construction and landscaping services as essential businesses. We maintain that particular circumstances applicable to the Islands render such businesses non-essential services on the Islands; in fact, it is the position of Town and of the six Martha’s Vineyard towns that signed the order, that such operation of such businesses on the Islands will create significant risk for those that live here. Both Islands have limited resources to handle widespread outbreaks of COVID19 – including our hospitals. We need to flatten the curve of the projected outbreak and the quickest way to do that is to keep people apart – away from job sites and other areas where there are working groups or interaction between people where social distancing is difficult or not being properly practiced. Meanwhile, on Nantucket, the local Emergency Orders, stand.

To view the letter please go to <https://nantucket-ma.gov/1711/Covid-19-Day-to-Day-Timeline>

Nantucket Officials urge Community Members, Visitors and Potential Visitors to continue to follow the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control with respect to social distancing, sanitizing, travel and the other measures needed to “flatten” the contagion – all of these guidelines may be found through the Town website at www.nantucket-ma.gov.

For general queries regarding the Town’s response to the Coronavirus please go to: Health@nantucket-ma.gov or call 508-825-6163.

For queries specific to the Town’s Stay-at-Home Order and Travel Ban please go to: Covid19@police.nantucket-ma.gov or call 508-325-4111.