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**Select Board's April 22, 2020 Remote Participation Meeting**

Questions taken from Town of Nantucket YouTube Channel "Chat" feature. Repeat questions and questions answered during the Select Board meeting have been removed.

**2. COVID-19 Weekly Update:**

**a. General Public Comment**

1. Kim Marks Does the board have any idea why the shelves in the Stop and Shop bare, is it a supply issue or do they need employees  
**The Town has not heard there are supply or labor issues with the Stop & Shop.**
2. Anthony Fox At the end of the day we all have to deal with this. I'd like to say that ALL of the boards are doing the best they can! If you don't like it then run for office!
3. Hillary Rayport Could we hear about plans to screen people arriving on the boats and planes? Taking temps, asking health questions. It's about education and norms as much as catching virus  
**The Town has no plans to screen people arriving on the island. We do not have the resources to do this.**

**b. Report from Nantucket Cottage Hospital Public Comment**

1. David Iverson Hi is there a mitigation plan for a flare of cases here. What are we going to do if we have one and what amount of new cases would trip those measures?  
**NCH has a surge plan in place to handle "a flare" of cases. We have tools that include testing, contact tracing, and communication of best practices for prevention that will help us to mitigate a surge.**
2. Michael Kopko How is the Town dealing with construction workers who are coming over from the mainland. Are they checked for working on a permitted project? Traveling alone to jobsites? Quarantining for 14 days?

**Job sites are being randomly inspected for COVID-19 compliance as noted in Emergency Order No. 5. As Hy-line passenger numbers indicate, there has not been a dramatic influx in passengers to date.**

3. Amy Eldridge      How long will the advisory on face masks to be worn in public places during the summer just wondering as the weather starts to get warmer and humidity set in in June, July and august  
**Unknown. This is a State Advisory and will only change if the Governor issues a modified or new Advisory.**
4. Mary Longacre      Will the cloth masks that were home-made initially and donated to the hospital be released for use by community members  
**At this time NCH would like to hold on to all the donations received from the community in anticipation of a surge of cases that could prompt a significant uptick in the use of our existing PPE.**
5. Lisa Getter      To Gary Shaw, what is your opinion on the plastic face shields?  
**Typically face shields are a piece of PPE used by medical personnel or caregivers working in close proximity to covid-positive patients. They are not recommended for the general public in day to day activities.**
6. Callie Keever      Does the hospital have a stance on short term rentals and turnover rates due to short term rentals in July & August?  
**The hospital's recommendation for people coming to the island is that they quarantine for two weeks. That recommendation applies to all coming to Nantucket.**
7. Matt Peel      Is Gary suggesting that restaurant should not open or stick to take out for foreseeable future??  
**For the moment, NCH encourages everyone to watch for further updates from the Governor and the Town of Nantucket regarding restaurants.**
8. Javegis      Is hot water required for job site hand wash stations? CDC guidelines suggests warm or cold if im readinf them correctly. Can some one clarify?  
**It is recommended that water be warm, or hot; however, any temperature can be used. The act of cleaning with soap and water or hand sanitizer, is more important than the temperature of the water, and is always better than not cleaning at all.**

**c. Maritime-Related Public Comment**

1. Sarah Treanor Bois      You skipped questions for waterfront: what is the timeline for the floating dock?  
**Our goal is to have the floating dock open by Memorial Day, weather permitting.**

**d. Emergency Orders Public Comment**

1. Kindflowproduction that some slow boat travelers who are staying with their vehicles are not made aware of the 14 day quarantine, is it possible to make his message accessible to all visitors coming to the island ..  
**The 14-day quarantine is a State Advisory applicable to people coming into Massachusetts from out-of-state; there are messages at both boat lines about this and at the Airport.**
  
2. Aldo Lemus Castro when the stoneworkers began to work?  
**This will likely be discussed by the Select Board and Board of Health shortly as part of additional phased work. No date at this time.**
  
3. Mary Longacre What level of increase in work activity has the Town seen in the last two days and has it been in compliance with the conditions of the orders 5&6?  
**A report was provided to the Select Board during its April 22, 2020 meeting as to approved work numbers pursuant to the work allowed in Order #5. Inspected work pursuant to the Board of Health Order #5 has been in compliance with the COVID-19 protocols based on random inspections by PLUS inspectors.**
  
4. Alice Crowley How did 149 approvals happen for multi-work, I thought here was only 26 possible?  
**The estimate provided by PLUS included 3 categories: new structures, renovation/additions, and shingle projects. The number twenty-six was estimated for new structures permitted after November 1, 2019 which may need to be made weather-tight based on a review of inspection records. That number, as mentioned during the Board's April 15 meeting when initial estimates were provided, did not take into consideration permits issued before November 1. A separate estimate was provided for renovation or addition permits issued after November 1 and for shingling permits issued in the 30 days leading up to the closure of Town offices. A list of approved exemptions is available. There was never a "predicted" total, only estimates made on the data available in the context of the conversation anticipated at the April 15 Board meeting. The exceptions for year-round, employee, and workforce housing were added later by the Select Board and Board of Health, and those exceptions added to the number of requests.**
  
5. Frank Daily Incredible work by the PLUS department!
  
6. Brooke Mohr Where do people report concerns?

Depending on the concern, people may contact the PLUS department regarding construction concerns [pmurphy@nantucket-ma.gov](mailto:pmurphy@nantucket-ma.gov); Natural Resources for landscaping concerns [jcarlson@nantucket-ma.gov](mailto:jcarlson@nantucket-ma.gov) and [covid19@police.nantucket-ma.gov](mailto:covid19@police.nantucket-ma.gov) for other general concerns.

7. Alice Crowley Can you now provide an update as to the expected number to be issued? I find this concerning since the predicted number was so low.  
**Please see the answer provided above.**
8. Anthony Fox Thank you!
9. Frank Daily PLUS is doing such a great job in processing applications, there is NO REASON not to do it the right way
10. Nicole Gross Would it be possible to revisit the requirement for year rounders as workers versus using the word preference? I think that loop hole should be closed.  
**This was discussed at length by the Board of Health with Town Counsel – requiring “year rounders as workers” is legally challenging; “preference” was used instead in an effort to encourage the use of local workers.**
11. howard dickler How many workers in construction or landscaping came to ACK today? Is this being monitored?  
**The Town receives regular reports from the Hy-line and SSA as to ridership; however, it is difficult to identify in what industry passengers may working.**
12. Michael Kopko How is the Town dealing with construction workers who are coming over from the mainland. Are they checked for working on a permitted project? Traveling alone to jobsites? Quarantining for 14 days?
13. Debbie Hawkins What will happen if the Governor extends the stay at home order?? Does this effect the work that you all have done?  
**If the Stay at Home Order is extended, then non-essential businesses and services will remain closed; it should not affect the current local Orders as those are stricter than the current State requirements.**
14. g man Jeff Bauer myself and my awesome crew are starting next week thank you again for all you do we had a large meeting regarding all your recommendation and protocols I really want to thank you again
15. rickathertonack D. Anne Atherton: Shouldn't we have done the math ahead of time?  
**Estimates were provided. Again, please see the answer above.**
16. Julie Kingston it was mentioned earlier what there are concerns around shelves at stop and shop being bare and wondering if this is because there is less product or lack of staff, as people here increase in numbers?  
**See above for answer to similar question.**

17. Debbie Hawkins If Richmond is brining workers from off island they should have to quarantine for 14 days. They are no different from anyone else.
18. Amy Eldridge some people have a hard time with the mask, i personal feel like im going to have a panic attack ,or hyperventilate . wearing either 95 mask or cloth
19. Michael Kopko So assuming that construction workers traveling to the Island are not being monitored?  
**Job sites are being randomly inspected for COVID-19 compliance as noted in Emergency Order No. 5. As Hy-line passenger numbers indicate, there has not been a dramatic influx in passengers to date.**
20. Rickathertonack D. Anne Atherton: Please answer Michael Kopko's question. He has asked it a number of times  
**Mr. Kopko's question was answered: Job sites are being randomly inspected for COVID-19 compliance as noted in Emergency Order No. 5. As Hy-line passenger numbers indicate, there has not been a dramatic influx in passengers to date.**

**e. Board of Health Update on Restaurants Public Comment**

1. ackdebba How will the scheduling for inspections for the restaurants work?  
**Your application materials may be emailed to [health@nantucket-ma.gov](mailto:health@nantucket-ma.gov) and we will coordinate the inspection process with each restaurant.**
2. Amy Eldridge when will we see sit down dining on ack  
**That is a difficult question to answer. Basically, when the Governor's Order lifted or modified to allow dine-in service, food establishments may open for dining in.**
3. bisfre on ACK Where can I find the order that states you can't inspect for seasonal restaurants? We can't find it anywhere  
**Exhibit A, of the Governor's Order indicates that inspections not tied to critical infrastructure or allowed in a continuity of operations plan (COOP) is not an essential service. The Health Department COOP does not contain inspections as this activity is not essential to the functioning of governmental operations.**
4. Charlie Merritt What about inspections if you are just doing delivery and curbside?  
**Same as above.**
5. K Kinsley Hancock Massachusetts Department of Health officials announced a spike in

both the number of deaths and new positive COVID-19 cases on Wednesday...reversing a five-day trend. News from this afternoon.

6. Michael Kopko Update on the entertainment license moratorium in the draft restaurant order  
**Live Entertainment (DJ/Band/Live Musicians/Movies/Plays) will face restrictions in relation to limits on public gatherings and social distancing requirements that are expected to last through the summer. The Governor is expected to release re-opening guidelines soon to include occupancy reductions and social distancing requirements. We expect this to be phased. It is recommended that all establishments with Live Entertainment start to plan on how they can operate with different levels of occupancy reduction, along with allowing for 6' distancing. This is a best guess but it will be good for establishments to be ready with preliminary plans for when these orders are issued.**
  
7. Callie Kever Are you anticipating restaurants operating at very limited capacity this summer while the island as whole sees semi-normal numbers in terms of visitors?  
**We need to define what "Very Limited" is, but yes, we can expect some level of limited capacities, this summer at least.**
  
8. Melissa Murphy @Callie Kever if the short term rental ban is extended, numbers will be drastically reduced
  
9. Judith Widger & if the state allows hotels to be open to the public, will Nantucket or will you try to limit?  
**This has not yet been discussed.**
  
10. bisfre on ACK No one can provide proof that you are not allowed to inspect for curbside and delivery. Where can we get this info, and why hasn't nantucket asked for an exception when the town does for other things
  
11. Michael Getter You can receive the PPP money with out being open
  
12. Callie Kever @Melissa Murphy is the town considering a short term rental ban if not mandated by the state? Given our unique position as a destination for the masses?
  
13. Michael B What are the plans with Weddings as this is a big revenue source. When can it be expected to start?  
**This will be subject to changes in the State Order.**
  
14. Sonya Martel Summer traffic is difficult enough. If we shut down streets in town for restaurants the traffic will be worse.
  
15. Anastasia Perry I think the event business will be the hardest hit, rental companies,

florists, caterers etc.

16. Charlie Merritt That is fantastic but what is the tentative date the food inspections can begin  
**Tentatively, food service establishment inspections are expected to begin on May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**f. Economic Impact Work Group Public Comment**

None

**g. Public Information Public Comment**

1. Melissa Murphy Can you post those numbers/emails in the chat?  
**This information can be found on the Town's COVID-19 Alert webpage at [www.nantucket-ma.gov](http://www.nantucket-ma.gov).**  
**Depending on the concern people may contact:**
- The PLUS department regarding construction concerns [pmurphy@nantucket-ma.gov](mailto:pmurphy@nantucket-ma.gov);
  - The Natural Resources Department for landscaping concerns [jcarlson@nantucket-ma.gov](mailto:jcarlson@nantucket-ma.gov); and
  - The Covid Hotline for other general concerns. at [covid19@police.nantucket-ma.gov](mailto:covid19@police.nantucket-ma.gov) or 508-325-4111.
  - The Public Information Officer can be reached at 508-825-6163.

**h. Town Services Status Public Comment**

None

**3. Census Complete Count Committee Public Comment:**

1. Amy Eldridge i have a po box in sconset and just recieved my code in the main  
From the census
2. Alicia Carney Have we been advertising census on year round community?

**4. 2020 Committee/Board/Commission Vacancies Public Comment:**

None

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT RELATED To COVID-19 OR OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

**VII. CITIZEN/DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS**

**1. Fourth of July Discussion Public Comments:**

1. William Cassidy You can cancel the Main Street event the week before.

2. Callie Kever This mentality of not gathering in large groups but come anyways is NOT SUSTAINABLE
3. Amy Eldridge has there been any thought on Boston. Pops
4. Mary Longacre Fall Daffodil weekend fireworks?
5. T Dion fireworks cranberry festival. October
6. Amy Eldridge there is going to be a lot of backyard private illegal shows in many neighborhoods
7. Amy Eldridge @T Dion get cold at night in. oct
8. Matt Peel NYE fireworks is a great idea!
9. Amy Eldridge T.Dion fireworks at harvest fest in oct or just that Columbus day weekend
10. Daisy Rapp How about having an car/antique parade where people could be spaced apart? on the 4th?

**2. DPW: Request for Extension of Town and State-related Roadway and Sidewalk Projects into the Summer Public Comments:**

1. Anthony Fox What projects does Victor work on? He's the only game in town!

**3. National Grid: Request to Restart L8 Distribution Reliability Project into July and August Public Comments:**

None

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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](http://www.nantucket-ma.gov).

For questions related to **construction work** during Covid-19, email Building Commissioner Paul Murphy at [pmurphy@nantucket-ma.gov](mailto:pmurphy@nantucket-ma.gov)

For questions related to **landscaping work** during Covid-19, email Natural Resources Director Jeff Carlson at [jcarlson@nantucket-ma.gov](mailto:jcarlson@nantucket-ma.gov)

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

For queries specific to the Town's **Stay-at-Home Order** and other Orders please go to: [Covid19@police.nantucket-ma.gov](mailto:Covid19@police.nantucket-ma.gov) or call 508-325-4111.

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