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TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

NOTICE

Charlestown Urges Out-of-State Travelers & Seasonal Residents to Self-Quarantine

In response to Executive Order 21-10 from Governor Gina Raimondo which requires persons returning to Rhode Island from domestic airline travel must self-quarantine for 14 days to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Town of Charlestown is also instructing all out-of-state travelers and seasonal residents to self-quarantine for the same two-week period.

Homeowners and seasonal residents travelling from COVID-19 affected areas with a ‘shelter in place’ order are urged to stay inside. Homeowners and seasonal residents especially those travelling from New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts are particularly urged to stay inside. Any other travelers visiting from locations with confirmed cases of COVID-19, or who may have come in contact with anyone exhibiting flu-like symptoms are also asked to practice social distancing and self-quarantine.

With a large population of seasonal and part-time residents, we are acutely aware of the potential for community spread associated with interstate travel. Anyone who is visiting or residing temporarily in Charlestown from locations with a “Shelter in place order” in effect are asked to place themselves in self-quarantine for a period of two weeks and to monitor themselves daily for any flu-like symptoms, including fever, nausea, body aches and sore throats or coughs.

The Town of Charlestown needs the cooperation of everyone to help keep our community healthy and safe. While the Town currently does not have any plans to issue a formal stay-in-place order, we are continuing to respond to guidance provided by the Rhode Island Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Governor’s Office and further restrictions are possible.

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