

Monday May 18th, 2020

To:

The All Island Selectman's Board

The All Island Board of Health

As we move into this summer season we feel a strong need to do so together. The prolonged uncertainty that we face as a result of COVID-19 has forced us to examine the foundation of our business models. In times such as these we are confident the Vineyard has a unique ability to meet this crisis together as one community.

From the Corona Stompers to the outpouring of support for the food pantry & school lunch program, this island never fails to demonstrate abundant generosity. As we once again combat those familiar springtime jitters and anxieties about what the coming season will bring, we encourage everyone to remember that while these are clearly unprecedented times, these are not unprecedented emotions.

The answer, as its always been, is community.

We can no longer react solely as individual businesses or even towns but instead must respond as one Island.

We have formed an All Island Business Task Force in coordination with the three down island business associations, the Chamber of Commerce and up-island business owners to develop and implement a holistic and unified approach to this pandemic.

We are requesting that you schedule a public meeting of The All Island Selectman's Board and the All-Island Boards of Health to address island-wide issues relating to the coming season and provide clarity for us, your business community as well as our residents and seasonal visitors.

#### Our Proposed Meeting Agenda

- A. State Regulations - We would ask that you adopt the state regulations with a commitment to no additions in all six towns
- B. Island Wide Signage - adopt our Safety Poster and commit to displaying in public/town buildings and properties & select a single point of contact for any changes to this "official sign" as it will likely need to change with each new phase laid out by the governor.
- C. Beaches & Open Spaces - Develop a universal strategy in regards to reopening beaches & other public parks, spaces

- D. PPE - Develop a universal thinking around enforcing the current and future regulations around masks etc.

We appreciate the leadership you've demonstrated to date and look forward to working together as move into the season.

Respectfully,

Elaine Barse, The Green Room

JB Blau, MV Year-Round Restaurant Group

Diane Carr, The Hobb Knob

Todd Christy, Chilmark Coffee Company

Collins Heavener, The West Tisbury Farmers Market

Lora Ksieniewicz, Yoga on the Vine

Alea Mass, Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce

Sarah Omer, Red Cat Kitchen

Erin Ready, Edgartown Board of Trade

Julia Tarka, Rosewater MV, Rosebud Kids

Greer & Christian Thornton, Atria

Julianne Vanderhoop, Orange Peel Bakery

Melaney West, Stagecoach Taxi

Sarah York, CB Stark Jewelers

