



Martha's Vineyard Commission

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Martha's Vineyard Commission COVID – 19 Policy March 16, 2020

The Martha's Vineyard Commission announces the following measures to address the risks presented by COVID-19.

Commission Business

The Commission exercises specific primary regulatory authority through the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) in a number of matters. DRI process includes participation by Commissioners but in many instances also relies on participation by applicants, their experts and members of the public who are entitled to testify and/or observe proceedings. In order to protect all parties and ensure that regulatory decisions are made in accordance with this mandate, the following procedure applies:

Due to safety reasons and the Governors restrictions on meeting, the Commission meetings of March 19, 2020, April 2, 2020 and April 16, 2020 are cancelled.

All other meetings of the Commission such as those of Land Use Planning Committee, the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC), the Climate Action Task Force, the Water Alliance, the Green Building Code, etc. will be suspended for the next 30 days effective immediately.

The Commission will reassess this protocol and decision making in 14 days.

Commission Staff

In order to protect the Commission staff and the public from risk of Covid-19, the following policies are enacted:

The Commission office remains open but on a limited basis. Only the front entrance will be utilized.

Visitors will be permitted by appointment only and interaction between Commission staff will be conducted in the Commission chamber only. Meetings will be limited in size and scope.

Most Commission staff members will be working from home at some times during the next 30 days.

Arrangements are being made to manage work and provide technical assistance to permit remote integration. Please contact staff members to discuss work products and other scheduling matters.

Commission staff is in the process of exploring technology and developing procedures which might enable participation in meetings and/or hearings remotely. Information regarding this possibility will be announced once finalized.

Appointments and Questions should be posed to:

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