

March 19, 2020 **FROM THE TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM:**

**COVID-19 VIRUS NOTICE TO THOSE CONSIDERING DISCRETIONARY TRAVEL TO BLOCK ISLAND, OR RETURNING TO BLOCK ISLAND:**

**The Town of New Shoreham declared a State of Emergency effective from March 18, 2020 through April 15, 2020.**

In accordance with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and RI Department of Health (RIDOH) regulations:

Restaurants, bars and cafes are closed. Limited take-out service is available.

Gatherings of 10 or more people are prohibited.

Taxi service has been suspended until further notice.

Town Offices, the Library and the Block Island School are closed and unavailable to the public.

Individuals returning from out-of-region travel are directed to self-quarantine for 14 days.

Individuals with recent exposure or symptomatic are directed to refrain from returning to Block Island for a period of 14 days.

**Medical capacity on the island is extremely limited. There is no capability to test for the COVID-19 virus on the island.**

We ask that you behave with the assumption that the virus is present:

- Avoid contact with others.
- Wash hands often and use hand sanitizer regularly.
- Practice prudent social distancing, even if you feel well.
- Call the Medical Center first if experiencing any non-emergency symptoms.