

March 24, 2020 **FROM THE TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM:**

**COVID-19 VIRUS NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO BLOCK ISLAND:**

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

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

A SHELTER IN PLACE order goes into effect at 5:00 pm on March 24, 2020 and will extend to APRIL 15, 2020.

Travel to Block Island is strongly discouraged.

Anyone arriving to Block Island **must immediately self-quarantine for two weeks** other than Essential Activity personnel.

Visitors who are not involved in essential activities shall leave the island and follow CDC and Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) guidelines.

All residents, full-time and seasonal, must shelter in place and follow CDC and RIDOH guidelines.

Only transient workers who are engaged in essential activities may commute to Block Island.

All short-term lodging is ordered to cease during the effective period of this order.

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.

**Please read the ordinance at [www.new-shoreham.com](http://www.new-shoreham.com). You are responsible for compliance with this order.**