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**Town of Sandwich, MA-** COVID -19 Command Team reports 11 cases of coronavirus recovered with two more cases expected to be recovered tomorrow. We are grateful for the recovery of our first cases but continue to prepare for an increase in the number of coronavirus cases. Even with preparations made, we are concerned about the capacity of our community healthcare system to provide for our citizens when they do get sick. To protect yourself and others and slow the spread of the virus we ask that you please stay safe and stay at home.

While Sandwich is a predominantly year-round community with a low percentage of seasonal homes in comparison with other Cape Cod towns, we have observed an increase in the use of seasonal and second homes. We encourage all of our community to follow the quarantine, social distancing and protective measures recommended by the Governor and the COVID-19 Command Team. If we ALL follow these practices we can slow the spread of the virus. If you have recently arrived in Sandwich we encourage you to quarantine in place for 14 days. If you are considering coming to Sandwich, we encourage you to delay your visit until the Governor's Stay at Home Order is lifted and we are prepared to welcome and support you.

Additionally, the Sandwich Chamber of Commerce and the Cape and Islands' Board of Realtor's have reminded members through their websites of the Governor's March 31, 2020 Guidance that hotels, motels, inns, bed and breakfasts and short-term residential rentals (Airbnb or VRBO) are limited to use of these facilities for COVID-19 essential purposes only. [Governor Baker's March 31<sup>st</sup> Order](#) . Denise Dever, Executive Director of the Sandwich Chamber of Commerce; "encourages all residents and visitors to be aware of the Governor's guidance and to follow quarantine and social distancing recommendations to prevent and slow the spread of coronavirus so we can resume operations in our beautiful community as soon as it is safe to do so."

We thank all of you for your continued commitment to social and physical distancing.

**You can help** slow the spread of this virus. Please **Stay at Home**, if you must go out keep your social distance. Routine handwashing is essential. Make every effort to sustain your personal health; eat healthy food, get outside for fresh air and try to get a good night's sleep. We encourage independent outdoor activity however you **must** sustain social distance and avoid common contacts.

Governor's March 31<sup>st</sup> Order Relative to lodging -  
<https://files.constantcontact.com/d3320ad5001/9acd0d58-b395-49be-80f3-1d17279bb09d.pdf>