



PRESS RELEASE

**Town of Provincetown
260 Commercial Street
Provincetown, MA 02657**

**Town Manager
Telephone (508) 487-7002**

***** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE *****

March 22, 2020

State of Emergency Declaration for the Town of Provincetown

On March 22, 2020, the Provincetown Select Board declared a State of Emergency to support the community's response to coronavirus.

The Town of Provincetown has announced the first two confirmed cases of COVID-19. The Health Department is working with the families of those infected to ensure that they are appropriately quarantined and that those who have come in contact with them take the necessary precautions. The two cases are travel related and therefore are not evidence of community spread. Residents are reminded to take steps towards social distancing, limit exposure to others, and wash hands frequently. Anyone experiencing symptoms such as fever and a cough or difficulty breathing should self-isolate immediately and call their healthcare provider for medical advice.

The Board of Health has declared a Shelter in Place Order and will close all nonessential services, retailers and businesses as of 5:00 pm, Monday, March 23, 2020. Provincetown residents are directed to stay in their homes and avoid all public gatherings, practicing social distancing in an effort to stop the spread of the novel coronavirus. This order does not mean a "lockdown" is placed. Trips for essential services, such as those to visit the grocery store, pharmacy and restaurants, are acceptable.

In addition, the Select Board will institute a parking ban for all non-resident vehicles to discourage visitors from coming to Town during the Shelter in Place Order.

We are taking this extraordinary step because we need everyone to remain safe to prevent the further spread of this virus throughout the community. This is not life as usual. We cannot pretend that Provincetown is immune to what is happening in the rest of the world.

For more information, please contact Town Manager Robin Craver at 508-487-7002 or rcraver@provincetown-ma.gov