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Report on COVID-19 Survey Results

Business Survey (August 2020)



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Executive Summary

In an effort to understand the plans and needs of Provincetown businesses and organizations, especially as we move into the off-season during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Provincetown Health Department issued a survey. The survey was promoted through the media, social media, and public service announcements, as well as distributed by

business groups, licensing channels, and Town department emails. The survey was completed by 165 businesses and organizations in Provincetown, with lodging, dining, and retail businesses representing the highest number of participants.

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Almost half of survey respondents (47%) reported their business experienced a large negative economic effect, and those rates were reported by most industries. Four businesses (one each of dining, lodging, attraction/museum, and nonprofit) reported closing temporarily and one business (health/wellness) reported closing permanently due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Most survey respondents (83%) reported that if more residents live in the community in the off-season, that would not change their operating plans for the off-season. However, some industries reported that a larger off-season population may change their operating plans - restaurants (32%), gallery (31%), and retail (22%).

Most respondents have plans in place to operate if the state is required to re-enter a previous phase in the Reopening Plan, but elimination of indoor dining may cause up to half of the restaurant owners who responded to close. The business owners who participated in the survey seem to be optimistic about reopening in 2021, with most of those who are not open year-round planning to reopen in May 2021.

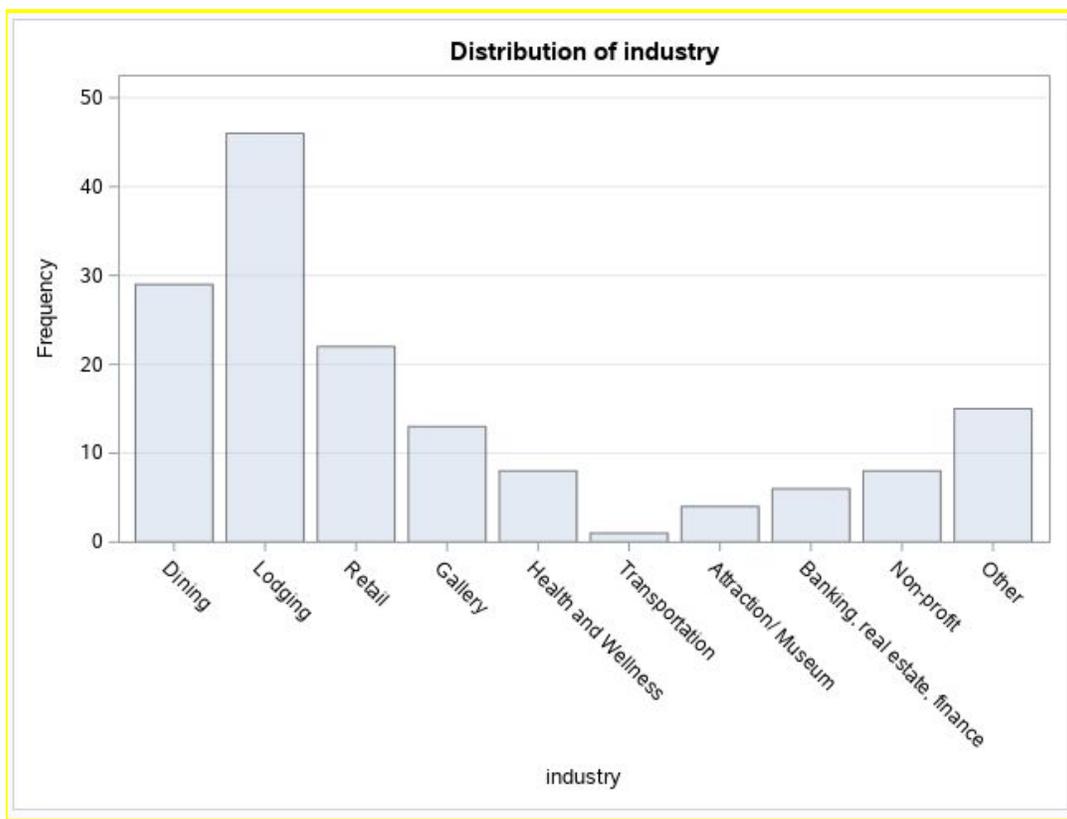
Methods

The survey was open August 19 - August 26, 2020. It was promoted through the Provincetown Chamber of Commerce, the Provincetown Business Guild, public service announcements, social media, and media coverage and also was distributed through email to businesses licensed by the Town, Town COVID-19 updates, and Town Department newsletters.

The survey was filled out by 165 respondents; not all questions were completed by all respondents. All businesses and organizations that operate in Provincetown were welcome to participate.

Participants (Types of Businesses)

Lodging accounted for the largest percentage of survey respondents (30%), followed by dining (19%), retail (14%), gallery (9%), and “other” (10%). Nonprofits and health/wellness related businesses each represented approximately 5% of respondents.



RESULTS

Perceived Economic Impacts of COVID-19

When asked about the economic impacts of COVID-19 on their organization, almost half of respondents (47%) reported that COVID-19 had a large negative effect. Just over a third (38%) reported that COVID had a moderate negative effect. Just under 7% of respondents indicated any type of positive economic effect (moderate and large, combined).

Examining the impacts by industry, all but two industries reported similar effects as indicated above. Organizations in the banking/real estate/finance industry and the nonprofit industry reported moderate negative effects rather than large negative effects to their operation.

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In a Normal Off-Season...

Approximately a third of respondents (38%) indicated that their business is typically open year-round. Twenty percent (21%) indicated they typically close after Halloween. Almost a quarter of respondents (24%) reported usually closing after the holidays/new year. Seven percent (7%) of respondents indicated they typically close for only one month in the off-season.

This Off-Season...

The survey asked respondents what their plans for the business are this off-season. Just under a third (30%) reported they will be open year-round. A quarter (26%) reported they will close after Halloween. Just over ten percent (12%) indicated they will close after the holidays/new year, which is about ten percentage points lower than a normal year (24%). Under 3% of respondents reported they will only close for one month this off-season, and 16% percent indicated they have “something else” planned for closing this off-season.

Just over a third of respondents (37%) reported they are not closing earlier than usual. Respondents who reported closing earlier than usual were asked why. The following were given as reasons: concerns about not having enough customers (32%), concerns about keeping staff safe from COVID-19 (18%), concerns about staffing (11%), supply chain issues (6%), or something else (2%). The industries that reported the highest concern were as follows: concerns about not having enough customers (dining, lodging, retail), concerns about keeping staff safe from COVID-19 (dining and lodging), concerns about staffing (dining), and supply chain issues (dining).

The survey gave an opportunity for those who reported plans to close earlier than usual to self-describe their reason why. Some of those reasons listed include concerns with whether restaurants, galleries, and shops will be open in the off-season, concerns about enough foot traffic and out-of-town visitors in the off-season, concerns about the effect of the quarantine order on tourism, and concerns about safety and compliance with state guidance. Many respondents described pre-existing conditions which preclude staying open in the off-season, such as lease conditions or lack of winterization in their building.

A majority of survey respondents (83%) reported that if more residents live in the community in the off-season that would not change their operating plans for the off-season. However, some industries reported that a larger off-season population may change their operating plans; those industries are restaurants (32%), galleries (31%), and retail (22%).

For those who reported planning to close but wanting to remain open, the survey asked what they would need to stay open. In order, respondents reported needing small business grants (29%), employees (17%), something else (13%), small business loans (10%), and testing for asymptomatic employees (9%). By industry, the industries that reported the highest level of interest in each are: small business grants (dining, lodging, retail), employees (dining, lodging, retail), small business loans (lodging), asymptomatic testing for employees (dining, lodging), something else (lodging).

Asymptomatic Employee Testing

Almost 20% percent of respondents indicated they would like to have their asymptomatic employees tested, and another 20% were not sure. Dining and lodging were the industries that indicated the highest level of interest. Of those who reported some interest in testing for asymptomatic employees, most indicated (44%) they would prefer monthly testing.

Operations in Phase 1 & 2

The survey asked restaurants with indoor seating what they would do if the state rolls back to a prior stage of reopening. Forty-two survey respondents answered this question. Half of the responding restaurants with indoor seating indicated they would close. A little over a

quarter of respondents (28%) indicated they would offer takeout, and the rest (21%) indicated they planned “something else.”

For all businesses, a majority of respondents (75%) indicated they had plans in place to operate if the state rolls back to an earlier phase. The industries that reported being slightly less prepared for a roll back were lodging and attraction/museums. The survey gave respondents an opportunity to self-describe what would help them operate in Phase 1 or 2; responses included access to personal protective equipment (PPE), business rent assistance, asymptomatic testing with rapid turnaround for visitors, free testing, more options/flexibility for outdoor dining, paycheck protection loans.

Plans for 2021

The survey asked businesses when they planned to reopen in 2021. The majority of participants reported planning to open in May, and many reported being open year-round. Survey respondents reported plans to reopen in the following times in 2021: Open year-round (28%); January/February/March 2021 (11%); April 2021 (19%); May 2021 (32%); June 2021 (3%); July/August 2021 (1%); other (3%); permanently closed (2%). By industry, May was still the month most businesses reported reopening, particularly in dining, lodging, retail, galleries and attraction/museums. The industries that reported primarily (between 50-75%) being open year-round were health/wellness, banking/real estate/finance, nonprofit, and other.

Other comments or suggestions for Town leaders

The survey left space for respondents to leave other comments or suggestions for Town leaders. Suggestions regarding testing were prevalent, including prioritizing Town funds for testing, offering free testing for workers, offering fee-based asymptomatic testing for the general public, faster testing turnaround times. Some economic suggestions include regulatory relief for operation requirements (Ed. note: this may reference year-round liquor license requirements or zoning or economic development requirements), financial assistance for businesses, including business rent assistance and the interconnectedness between the lodging industry and the other tourist-related industries such as dining, retail, and galleries. Many praised the efforts of the town and the community in keeping the town safe.

Takeaways

The survey was completed by 165 businesses and organizations in Provincetown, with lodging, dining, and retail businesses representing the highest number of participants.

Survey respondents reported slightly different plans for the off season this year versus prior “normal” years. Slightly fewer businesses reported plans to remain open year-round this year (30%) versus past years (38%). More businesses reported plans to close after Halloween this year (26%) than normally do (21%). Just over ten percent (12%) indicated they will close after the holidays/new year this year, which is about ten percentage points different from a normal year (24%), but the difference may be that some businesses will be closing earlier than usual. Under 3% of respondents reported they will only close for one month this off-season versus 7% in a normal year. This year, 16% percent indicated they have “something else” planned for closing this off-season, in normal years 6% of survey respondents chose that option.

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Almost half of survey respondents (47%) reported their business experienced a large negative economic effect, and those rates were reported by most industries. More organizations in the banking/real estate/finance industry and the nonprofit industry reported moderate negative effects than large negative effects to their business. Four businesses (one each of dining, lodging, attraction/museum, and nonprofit) reported closing temporarily and one business (health/wellness) reported closing permanently due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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The majority of respondents have plans in place to operate in previous phases, but elimination of indoor dining may cause up to half of the restaurants who responded to close. The businesses that participated in the survey seem to be optimistic about reopening in 2021, with most of those who aren't open year-round plan to reopen in May.

Provincetown policymakers can consider some of the following suggestions that were proposed by survey respondents as ways to support local businesses and organizations:

- Paying for or subsidizing testing for workers
- Advocating for fee-based testing for the asymptomatic general public
- Providing regulatory relief for business who are required to be open for a certain number of months through Town licensing or permitting
- Encouraging businesses that other businesses rely on to operate (restaurants, retail, galleries, etc.) remain open as long as possible
- Providing economic assistance to businesses, particularly those who are open year-round or for the longer season
- Advocating for economic assistance from other levels of government (state, federal)

Appendix A - Qualitative Responses

If you are closing earlier than usual this year, why = Something else -- Please describe:

Response:	Frequency
Customers	3
Better town response to covid not looking the other way and fostering Ptown as a party destination a peanut butter sandwich or hummus does not make a bar a restaurant with expanded seating outdoors and drinks to go really and I can book several places on line for lodging for 3 nights and an Arkansas address really!	1
Renters need quarantine lifted from their states or	1
MA	
More foot traffic in February, March, April.	1
To know there will be visitors in town. Very few locals buy art from the galleries in town.	1
Heat and customers we are on a Wharf.	1
Customers!	1
We don't have enough indoor seating because of an appeal from our neighbours and our inability to use our back dining room.	1
Our lease does not allow operation after Halloween	1
I never close.	1

As a guest house owner I need shops, restaurants and galleries to remain open. Telling a guest you have 3 choices of restaurants and no shops are open is not a selling feature.	1
BAR OPEN	1
Better relations between full time and part time residents. These rants and unrest are not pleasurable and make the town ugly.	1
Winterization which is not poss	1
We do not want to be open December-March	1
I don't want to stay open past Columbus day. Summer cottage rentals with no heat	1
We would need the pandemic under much greater control than it currently is before we would even consider opening up to the public. We cancelled our summer season of guests this past summer, and only were available for close friends/family that we trusted and who also do NOT have second homes (I.e. only available for city folks w COVID PTSD who have spent the pandemic alone in small apartments. We have been quite pleased to give some friends a respite, despite the loss to our bank account. (We are lucky as we mostly live off of our investments, so, we have tripled our generosity, i.e through giant tips, or free lodging, solely for known entities, in our vacation rental.)	1
Our non-profit business is a Sailing School. It is not free but subsidized by reduced fees and donors. If we had a little space, less than 3 % surface area, on Macmillan Pier for our proposed adult including disabled sailing school and the 2 ton, 3 ton max, jib hoist, we would could justify our plans for donor capital and open except during bad winter months. At other New England venues that is the case.	1
Too cold to run after Halloween	1

I'm an interior designer and I'm open for business year round despite the lack of business, I still have client work in progress.	1
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Is there anything you need that would help you run your business safely under the guidance for your industry in Phase 1 or Phase 2? If yes, please describe:

A NEW PRESIDENT, AKA, BIDEN!

Access to loans if necessary, access to PPE (gloves, sanitizer, masks, etc)

As long as Telemedicine is reimbursed by insurance companies - I'm all set.

Better town response and enforcement

Business Rent assistance - Business rent cancellation - business rent payments through a government program... anything that helps take the rent off our hands. We are struggling with income, and all of the small revenue we make has to go toward rent, and there is nothing left for life's essentials. That is the biggest problem of all right now, the burden of rents.

Business support and the town or government should reimburse small businesses for buying the protective gear. Somewhere along the line the responsibility and policing has been left up to small businesses. In reality there should be a grant or support that replaces those costs of reimbursed back to the small businesses. Example Masks gloves plexi barriers cleaning materials.

Fast test for guests to take and get the results back in minutes not days.

Fitting room use is critical.

Free covid testing. Free supplies like masks and gloves and hand sanitizer.

I am a therapist in private practice. I live and work in Truro and also have an office in Orleans.

My practice is very busy working with the impact of Covid and the political situation.

I am not allowed to operate under Phase 1 or 2.

I have several "Sanitation Stations" set up in Christof's (i.e., gel disinfectant that kills 99.9% of germs, wet sanitation wipes as well as disposal bags specifically for these wipes. All summer, people have been very good about utilizing the gel and wipes even if they are not in the store to not necessarily purchase but to even just browse. That was good to see. What I think should continue - until perhaps it gets too cold, is the "Ambassador Program". Many customers have mentioned how much safer they have felt being here because of that specific effort they see the town making to keep everyone safe. In fact, this program idea is something many told me they wanted their own towns and communities to also do as it seemed a "friendly" way to get everyone to comply with wearing a mask.

Just as other sailing venues are promoting masks, distancing, washing, and double handed training, the same would be true for our school. So for sailboats that have customarily required 3-5 crew, teach 2 crew techniques for Covid-19 safety.

MONEY

More clarity from the town for visitors about masks above noses and social distancing especially. People here have been mostly very thoughtful and respectful, but we would like a town ordinance mandating masks everywhere in town, not just on Commercial St. and some consequence for not complying. Also more education about social distancing.

More options to make the outside/patio area usable in the winter

National Leadership to fight this disease.

Not sure if lodging is allowed during phase 1 or phase 2

Once the winter population is settled in, then a request that all residents get a test after returning from off cape. This would allow us to open inside with a level of confidence that all is well and also allow our customers to make an informed decision about removing their masks once seated. Remember there will be no outside dining after September.

Phase 1 had my business and most small business in town closed

Phase 2 is broadly the same for my industry

Phase 1 we had to remain close. Phase 2 step 1 retail sales in advance no shop entry basically meant we were still closed. Shop ahead and pick up at the store does not mean anything for our business esp if no tourists can travel to town.

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PPL loans for next season as well.

Size of shop limits to two customers at a time currently; not worth curbside pickup. Online presence has had more traffic.

Survey can't capture a huge amount of economic activity in the town. Big example, publishers, consultants and others in media who do not have the same open and close schedule. Don't have hours of operation but do have employees. I have to think that this is important and there must be other sectors employing 25-50 people in town in total but they add up.

Executives working from home are the key to the community you want and that is many more.

Off the top of my head: Ptown Arts, banner, independent, ptownie, ptown magazine, ptownhacks, art guide, book publishing, wildlife calendar, small broadcasters, towleroad.com, Womr. etc.

If interested in tourism then galleries matter.

Testing question asked in too much of a vacuum. what are provisions for paying employees if sick or quarantined and guaranteeing they have a job.

Testing is the biggest thing. stop spending even a penny on mask enforcement and put all of that limited money chasing any outbreak through testing as opposed to indulging at huge cost the irrational fears about the 2 percent not masking. The chances are less likely that those 2 percent will spread anything on commercial street than the 100% of people doing things off Commercial street that we know cannot be regulated.

Seriously, the only thing that spending is doing is inviting more irrational fears from folks who think they are somehow smarter than all the scientists in the world. Get testing at any

cost and make an environment in which people will get the tests as opposed to following the current incentives for as long as possible hoping they are asymptomatic because of fear for jobs and money. This is what people are doing, knowing most young people don't get hit hard by it and as a DIRECT RESULT of the again non scientific approach of shaming and calling the cops, why would anyone want to be tested or feel that any good would come out of taking the chance of testing positive.

If we have an outbreak in this town and it is found to be because someone did not go get tested it will be liability on Lise King and the other board members who were informed of this but chose to pander and demagogue to the few with irrational fears, leaving these potentially lifesaving efforts by the wayside. Seriously. Speak up if you see this kind of malpractice. In effect we are more at risk or the hyped up efforts that think they go beyond science and many are pissed.

Why is indoor dining still happening when no one feels comfortable with it.?

Town assistance with employee testing. I believe if the town is spending on tourism, they should also pay to test all employees.

Town wide ordinance for out of state/town vendors, drivers, deliveries, contractors to follow local guidelines, per health dept.

Zoning relief to accommodate outdoor dining

Any comments or suggestions that you would like the Health Department to share with Town leaders?

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Great job! Thank you for the clear communication and guidance

Have a plan

Have an open and honest science not fear driven discussion

Try and look at the data for schools from other places such as Australia that takes kids temperature at the gates but does not engage in masks or distancing children or creating future mental health problems from lack of sharing touching or play.

Look at the data between Finland where masks and closures and distancing was practised and Sweden where schools for u12 remained open with few restrictions, apparently infection and transmission of and between children and teachers is identical.

Build a consensus that enables confidence and kindness not fear and acrimony

I follow all of the state requirements and feel safe doing so. I've had costumers tell me they felt safe shopping at my store. - I wish there was enforcements for business not following the rules. It makes it harder for those of us who are and confusing to visitors.

I think it is unfair to ask my kitchen employees working in front of an open flame to wear masks, just because there's ignorant people complaining about it. Instead, explain to those complainers the health and fire hazards of it.

I think the Health Department has done an admirable job in keeping us all as safe as we could hope to be in a town with a tourist- based economy. We are all safer because of their efforts. Retailers, Galleries, Restaurants, have all been negatively affected by this pandemic - and that is just a fact - but overall having safety be the primary concern has done much to keep up safe.

If I could a suggestion for one thing from this summer season, it would have been this: to create specific and designated outdoor areas for people who buy take out food items (especially ice cream) to sit and eat that food and finish it - instead of looking for places to stand or sit on their own which usually means choosing to gathering in front of other nearby non food businesses - often blocking display windows and entrance and exit ways.

Not only are those food customers interfering with surrounding retail businesses but most importantly, they also "maskless" for the duration of however long it takes them to eat their summer treats. All summer, and for the very first time in my 20 years of having Christof's, this has been a problem and it is because tourist do not want to walk down Commercial street without a mask so they gather in front of my display windows, often sitting on a tiny brick ledge to eat and socialize. This has never ever been the case before this summer. In fact, at first I just thought it was a bit odd, however, It quickly became a pattern: Buy an ice cream, go to a nearby business, stand in front of that business, or sit on that business's steps, pull the mask down and eat the ice cream.

Just today, I noticed that SHOR just added what will amount to fencing in front of his retail space and I suspect, with a high- degree of certainty, that SHOR too has been having the same problem as many tourists take their snacks and ice cream over to his steps while he too is trying to keep his entrance ways clear for paying customers.

What this says to me is that tourists do not want to non-compliant with mask- wearing but they also are not being given a solution as to where they should specifically go if they are not continuing down Commercial Street as they have for the last 19 years I have had my business. This "mask free: loitering has created a constant problem for those of us whose businesses are not food. I am not sure who owns the beach area behind Whaler's Wharf, but perhaps the town can turn that into a bench friendly place - so that tourists, who want to comply, can have a place to sit and polish off an ice cream or snack without (unknowingly) disrupting other retail businesses. From May-Septemeber that beach can become a place for people to sit, enjoy themselves, re-mask, and then head back out to Commercial Street.

This would make me feel safer as I would then not be having to be in constant contact with people who their masks pulled down and are all within a few feet of me and each other.

I would be in favor of more transparent reporting regarding employees that live outside of Provincetown or visitors who test positive. I would also be in favor of publicly reporting businesses that are closed due to a COVID event. A failure to be transparent undermines public trust. Other than those issues I believe that Provincetown as a municipality, as a business community, and as a community has done a fantastic job of dealing with the Pandemic this summer. A Job well done.

I would like to see a permanent testing site at CVS or Outer Cape that employees, owners and even our guests to stop in and get a test. If we offered a rapid test it would open the economy up to a broader audience and a piece of mind. Consumers pay hundreds if not thousands to come here what is another \$100.00 for a test.

Is there a way to message to part timers that they are welcomed/encouraged to stay for the off season or, for those who are in PTown in the off season, to stay more often?

Make masks mandatory everywhere all the time when not in private home. Enforce wearing masks and safe distancing. Continue to educate the public especially visitors. Protect businesses from abuse when they merely ask customers to wear masks and safely distance. Put hand sanitizer dispensers all over town. Lock down if our numbers rise. Eliminate all public events until this is over. Offers voting outside when the time comes. Keep up with the ambassador program - it's great!

make testing free

Many visitors comment on how safe they feel and other places are not as compliant. As difficult as this is for everyone, I think we're doing a pretty good job of staying safe while trying to have some return to normal activities.

Mask 24/7 a must. Passengers that visited our town on my vessel were very pleased with the town on the most part and wished that things were that way in there home town. They felt safe here.

Nice work navigating all of this!

No one can say for certain where we will be after Labor Day. With all October event cancelled and the weather not co-operative I may close after September, if in fact we are still open.

No. People are being great. All is well.

Property tax on businesses where the property is the business (hotels for instance) should not have to pay such tax when the government doesn't allow them to operate.

Provincetown has mostly been doing a great job, in our view. We only wish the rest of the country were so good. We desperately need a new president and administration. Grownups. Sanity.

quicker tests at no cost

Stop letting the town make decisions on anything but science. Make sure that the town leaders understand that they wasted 4 months and all the money down the drain in additional police waste and put us at greater risk in this pandemic...no matter if we somehow get through with zero more cases, the leadership put us at more risk. and please explain that concept of probabilities and risk and that it is part of life and that the irrational fears of a few do not actually put anyone at greater risk, except when they are allowed to influence decisions and leaders do irrational things like put all their time and resources against something that is incredibly low risk and don't rise to the occasion on the things that will lower risk, like testing, and so here we are. pissed off. community divided. at higher risk. and there is risk in everything. let's not be the greatest risk to ourselves out there if possible. with the state policy following the science and being in place here. All of that time and energy only put into place the tiny sliver of a policy covering in a limited zone all the people not wearing masks walking MORE than 6 feet from each other on the street in a town with zero cases and a breeze. embarrassing. embarrassing.

Testing needs to happen on a regular basis and should be free to employees and employers. If we only test once--we will not truly understand if our employees have the virus.

Thank you for FINALLY making masks mandatory 24/7 in the commercial district along Commercial St, the Pier, Lopes Sq and Town Hall. Clear and direct easy for tourists to understand. It has been frustrating that our local police staff and their "courtesy" / traffic officers do not help to openly enforce mask wearing. Additional marked lack of police presence at night--many visitors ignore 6" distancing and gather in large groups

The interconnection between restaurants and inns cannot be overstated. Inns cannot effectively be open if there is nowhere for guests to eat.

The lack of financial support for businesses has made it impossible to operate. I couldn't qualify for any of the SBA funds because my business is too small, and with all of the cancelations I lose less money being closed than being open with fewer customers. It's unclear if I'll be able to reopen next year since there are no government grants available to support business that have been decimated by the forced government closures.

The practices we are enforcing in our retail stores (both employee and customer) are not being practiced by either employees or customers outside of our shops.

House parties, groups eating food, drinking or smoking on the street all occur with face masks down, close group contact, and complete disregard for social distancing.

Then they walk into our business, and pretend to be concerned and doing the right thing. How did we end up being the enforcement mechanism in order for our licenses to remain valid.

Just doing something to say you are doing something is an overreach of any government body.

The town needs more accessible and "quicker results" testing for residents who want to be tested and are asymptomatic.

This survey seemed skewed towards restaurants, and as a guesthouse, many questions did not apply to our biz model. So, I feel this was a bit flawed as a questionnaire. So many businesses in town are similar to ours, a vacation rental that really is only run by the two of us. So many questions above were not geared to our business.

We personally feel that the tourist boom in August was completely nuts and has had us all feeling very on edge about not being able to handle the crowds and their ignoring the state guidelines on quarantining and not traveling from certain states. Overall deeply disappointed in the lack of leadership.

We submit that our business model is one of P-town's Growth and Health engines for the future. Our non-profit business is a Sailing School. It is not free but subsidized with town allocated space, reduced fees and donors (e.g. Sail Newport). If we had a little space, less than 3 surface area, on Macmillan Pier for our proposed adult including disabled sailing school and the 2 ton, 3 ton max, jib hoist, we would could justify our plans and open except during bad winter months. At other New England venues that is the case. Ask us to explain. Like and Follow us.
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Sailing4AllPtown is a charitable not-for-profit 501(c)(3) educational sports entity.

Will the town provide relief from the operations requirements to year-round license holders if they choose to close for longer than one month during the pandemic?

The decision to stay open in the off season Will be dictated by the status of the virus and the level of business. It may require a series of openings and closings through the off-season. We have yet to decide what direction we will take after Labor Day.

Without the health and well being of our blue collar, working residents , the economy here will falter further. Better housing, better health care and affordable housing for DENTISTS.

Yes, create a town grant to allow small businesses to apply to be reimbursed for all the protective gear that was required by the state and local government.