



Town of Chatham

Office of the Selectmen
Town Manager
549 Main Street
Chatham, MA 02633



Jill R. Goldsmith
TOWN MANAGER
jgoldsmith@chatham-ma.gov

Tel: (508) 945-5105
Fax: (508) 945-3550
www.chatham-ma.gov

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – September 1, 2020

Media Contact:

Robert Duncanson, Ph.D., Director of Health & Natural Resources
Town of Chatham
(508) 945-5165
rduncanson@chatham-ma.gov

COVID-19 Cases Reported at Chatham Squire

The Board of Selectmen share the community's concerns after receiving notification from the Town's Health Division of the reported positive cases of COVID-19 among members of the staff at the Chatham Squire.

The Squire has been a vital member of our business community for over 50 years and continues to be an anchor business in our downtown. The owners and managers of the Squire, who upon learning that a staff member tested positive, immediately shut down, contacted our Health Division, arranged for a deep cleaning and sanitizing of the business in accordance with State and Federal guidelines before re-opening, and sent additional staff members for testing. After learning of additional positive cases, the Squire management voluntarily closed their doors temporarily for additional cleaning. In accordance with State guidelines the Squire had collected contact information from patrons for tracing purposes.

As we know from this and similar instances at other establishments earlier in the summer, front line workers who are in contact with the public on a regular basis face greater risk of exposure. To reduce risks for the entire community – workers, residents, second homeowners, and visitors – everyone must be diligent at all times in their actions to stop the spread of the virus: wear a mask when in public, maintain social distancing, and frequently wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.

Local businesses are vital to the sustainability of our economy and community and we hope everyone will continue to support them and their employees. Please be assured that the Board of Health and Health Division staff are in regular contact with the Squire's management and are closely monitoring the situation.

Further information will be released when it becomes available.

Updated COVID-19 information is available on the Town's website:
<https://www.chathamma.gov/home/pages/covid-19-coronavirus-information>.

###