

Dear Sandy Neck ORV Beach Patron,

We wish to thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) beach closure during this trying time. We hope that everyone is remaining safe and healthy. As we begin to move towards the summer season, it is apparent that this year at Sandy Neck Beach will be vastly different than what you have experienced in the past. With that being said, we are working hard to come up with a solution that will provide recreational opportunities to our patrons and guests while at the same time ensuring the health and safety of everyone within the park. In order to accomplish this, we plan to re-open the ORV Beach this season with a phased approach that requires a number of restrictions and additional guidelines in place. It is imperative that we closely follow the safety measures put in place through Federal, State and Local governments.

We are in a difficult situation with a narrow beach and COVID-19 distancing requirements. This will greatly reduce the amount of vehicles we can accommodate at any one time. **In addition, social distancing is unobtainable in the Gatehouse, so all permit purchases must occur via the mail or the drop box at the Gatehouse. Expect at least 2-days for a permit to be issued.**

The following restrictions will also be in place at Sandy Neck Beach until further notice:

- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet when moving about.
- Maintain social distancing of at least 12 feet between groups when seated on the beach.
- Wear a face covering when social distancing is not possible.
- Limit your group to 10 people or less.
- Behave appropriately with others and staff - *we are all in this together*.
- Park a distance of 18 feet between vehicles (30 feet for campers).
- Beach curfew will be 8:00am-9:00pm.
- No campfires.
- No organized games/ball playing.
- No ORV vehicles in the parking lots.

Campers:

- Per the Governor Order #33, self-contained vehicles can camp on the beach starting May 25. You are welcome to day trip with your self-contained vehicle (8:00am-9:00pm) until this date.
- Park a distance of 30 feet between campers.
- Please park your chase vehicle within your camper activity area (18 foot distance rule does not apply to chase vehicles).

The Town of Barnstable is taking the current situation very seriously and will not tolerate any action that may compromise the health and safety of staff or other beach patrons. **Failure to comply with these restrictions will result in fines, ejection from the beach and/or revocation of your Off Road Beach (ORV) permit.** As a reminder, ORV Permit holders are responsible for all guests and members of their group. If it is found that the public as a whole cannot adhere to these new restrictions and guidelines, additional measures may need to be implemented including further restrictions and potentially the closure of the ORV beach.