

Dear Duxbury Beach Patrons,

On Monday, May 18, 2020, Governor Baker provided the citizens with a re-opening plan for a number of facilities, institutions and amenities. Part of that re-opening plan included recreational facilities such as Duxbury Beach.

Duxbury Beach is a privately-owned beach which the Town leases a portion of from the Duxbury Beach Reservation. The means of gaining vehicular access to the beach and the associated parking areas is through the sale of a sticker for the patrons arriving in their vehicles to visit.

Duxbury Beach will re-open on Monday, May 25th at 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please note these are newly modified hours and will remain in place until further notice.

Limited access to the beach (*defined below*) will be provided to those persons who purchased a sticker last year (prior to the March 31, 2020, expiration date) until June 15, 2020. After June 15th, beach patrons will be required to have purchased a sticker and affixed it to their windshield directly under the rearview mirror or will need to provide a copy of a receipt indicating payment of a new 2020 sticker.

After the new sticker pricing schedule has been established, 2020 stickers will go on sale on Thursday, June 4, 2020, via the Town's website:

<https://www.town.duxbury.ma.us/duxbury-beach/pages/beach-parking-permitsstickers>

If individuals purchased a sticker last year and they no longer have it, beach staff will accept a copy of the receipt indicating that payment was made for a sticker. If you have any questions about a sticker purchased last year, please contact the Treasurer/Collector's office at (781) 934-1100 ext. 6001.

Limited access to the beach at this time means that residents will be able to park in the walk-on portion of the parking lot and non-residents will be able to park in the northern section of Duxbury Beach Park (paved lot) utilizing the north entrance. Please note that parking spaces are limited and access is provided on a first come, first served basis which can matter greatly if the weather is favorable for beach-going conditions. The Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) portion of Duxbury Beach (for over sand access) is not open at this time. No recreational vehicles will be permitted south of the Powder Point Bridge at this time however; we are working to re-open the ORV portion of Duxbury Beach shortly after this weekend and we will provide the public with additional information as it becomes available.

Finally, the information below pertains to all of Duxbury Beach. The Town of Duxbury, in concert with the Duxbury Beach Reservation, are committed to ensuring that all state and local mandates are adhered to by beach patrons. It's up to all of us to help keep Duxbury Beach open and safe. While enjoying Duxbury Beach this summer, patrons must:

- Maintain social distancing of at least 6' feet when moving about, waiting for bathrooms, and interacting with staff
- 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 groups to 10 people or less
- Comply with no open campfires and no portable grills
- No organized games/ball playing

- Behave appropriately with others and staff - we are all in this together
- Limit time spent unloading and loading your vehicle in the parking lot

The Duxbury Beach Reservation and the Town of Duxbury are taking the current situation very seriously and we cannot 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 ejection from the beach. 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 beach. Please remember, the continued safe and appropriate use of this wonderful natural resource is up to all of us.

Additional updates regarding Duxbury Beach will provided as more information becomes available and/or the status of either further re-opening or restrictions are implemented.