



CENTERVILLE-OSTERVILLE-MARSTONS MILLS FIRE DISTRICT

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE-RESCUE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

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Dear Centerville, Osterville and Marstons Mills residents and visitors:

Along with all of the public safety agencies and staffs on Cape Cod we've been watching the COVID-19 situation as it evolves. Each passing hour brings new developments and information, but our top priority is, and always will be, the safety of the citizens of our district.

COMM Fire and Rescue is fully staffed and operational however the following procedures have been put into place:

- Restricted access to our buildings to protect our staff and keep them on the roads for emergencies;
- Non-essential functions have been temporarily suspended – car seat installations and senior safe visits.
- Blood pressure checks will continue but only in certain areas of our stations.
- All public use of our meeting space will be cancelled.
- Sharps containers may be exchanged in the lobby of Station 1.

FIRE PREVENTION AND PERMITTING

Effective immediately administration will begin recommending to homeowners, agents, contractors, etc. that fire prevention activities related permitting, questions, and inquiries be conducted via phone and/or mail whenever possible.

At this time those who do wish to conduct business in person at the Centerville station will be allowed to do so after being appropriately screened. This policy may change at any time as the situation evolves.

All required applications and /or permits can be emailed, faxed, or mailed to the applicant. Completed applications and fees can be returned via email or regular mail to the station. Applicants can also email, fax, and mail all required plans and documentation to the Centerville station.

Only required inspections will be scheduled and completed at this time.

Residential:

- 26F1/2
- Fire alarm system (new house, renovation)
- LPG

Commercial:

- All fire protection/fire suppression systems connected to building permits (fire alarm, sprinkler, hood suppression etc.)
- Occupancy inspections connected to building permit (new building, tenant fit out)
- Required business opening/license inspections (Craigville Inn, Barnicle, Four Seas etc.)

All other residential and commercial inspections will be deferred at this time. Such as but not limited to:

- Fire alarm permits (old)
- Oil burners
- Tank removal/install
- Business inspections
- Fire drills
- Quarterly inspections
- Unvented gas logs

Any deferred inspection that may become a financial hardship for the installer or applicant will be handled on a case by case basis.

FIRE COMMISSIONER MEETINGS

Fire Commissioners Meetings – The Monday, March 16, Fire Commissioner meeting will be postponed to a later date which will be adequately posted both online and at Town Hall. If you would like to participate in Public Comment at future meetings, but choose not to attend the meeting in person, you may submit your Public Comment to Chief Winn at mwinn@commfiredistrict.com. Your comment will be read aloud.

In closing, this is a very fluid and dynamic situation with many uncertainties. Please be assured that we have prepared for, and are ready to provide, emergency services to our citizens.

Thank you for support.

Sincerely,

Chief Michael Winn