



July 2, 2020

Hi everyone,

Happy Thursday July 2nd! Usually we'd all be preparing for our Fourth of July gatherings and BBQs and fireworks. Every time we turn around, there's something we loved to do that we just can't this year. I again want to commend everyone for going with the flow, in spite of the cost to our emotional and physical well-being. This is super hard. But many of you have lived through adversity before and not only survived but thrived. I'm rooting for us all to also come out of this pandemic stronger and more united in our collective belief that maintaining our community here at Wake Robin is worth the efforts we all are making. And I really do thank you all for your support and guidance and ideas. It is all much appreciated.

Not great news today from Vt Dept. of Health on new COVID cases. 17 new cases today - 8 in Chittenden County. So as much as we'd like to believe we are in the clear, I fear we are not. So from one of my favorite Harry Potter book's lines, "Constant Vigilance!" The speaker was referring to the characters' risk of encountering the evil Voldemort, but I'm feeling like COVID is our nemesis. So please continue to take great care of yourselves and your neighbors.

Yesterday was an exceptionally happy day for me and for staff. Many thanks again to you all for your generosity to the Staff Support Fund. The staff were beyond grateful! We got pictures and will share those and other expressions of thanks in the coming days. But rest assured the staff were so humbled and grateful. Thank you!

Another exciting announcement for today... **The Farmer's Market is back!** Starting next Thursday, July 9th, Last Resort Farm will be on campus outside the community center selling their vegetables, etc. They are very excited to be coming! More info with details will be forthcoming, but something fun to look forward to!

Again, I'd like to reiterate **when we ask you to quarantine if you are heading to a camp/summer home/vacation that is out of state.**

Regardless of whether the location **out of state** is Green, Yellow or Red per the Governor's approved places, we ask that upon your return to Wake Robin, you

quarantine for 14 days (or 7 days and then get a COVID test). This is the exact situation that led to Riverwoods Durham identifying a COVID-positive IL resident and hopefully limiting the exposure of other IL residents and was a cautionary tale for us to pay attention to here at Wake Robin.

This also **applies to anyone who wants to visit you from out of state**. If a person comes from out of state (green, yellow or red counties) to Vermont, regardless of what the Governor has allowed for those folks re: quarantining, **we are requiring a 14 day quarantine** (or 7 days and a negative COVID test) before being allowed on campus for any visits. We will obviously make exceptions for end of life situations, but otherwise, this is what we are requiring right now. We will continue to reevaluate as we watch cases spread in Vermont and our surrounding states.

However, if you are visiting a camp/summer home or vacationing **in Vermont**, you do not need to quarantine upon your return to Wake Robin. We do ask that you take the same safety precautions no matter where you are.

The **only exception** to this “**in Vermont**” rule will be if you are entertaining people from out of state (family/friends) who have not quarantined upon their arrival to Vermont per the Governor’s orders. We don’t want you hanging around with people from away who are living in high-risk areas, coming to VT and then not quarantining.

What does it mean to self-quarantine?

Essentially, you need to stay away from other people.

- No participation in any group activities of any kind. This includes tennis, billiards, group exercise classes, group yoga, informal gatherings, etc.
- Stay out of the Community Center. Please call the front desk and ask for your mail to be delivered.
- Do not leave campus unless it is for an urgent medical need.
- You may walk outside, either alone or with your spouse/partner who is also under quarantine. As always, we ask that you wear a mask when outdoors.

Don’t forget that we are going to try a **Community CUP via Zoom next Thursday, July 9th from 9:30-11 am**. People who can’t log on through Zoom can always dial in from their phones. I’ll make sure you all have the Zoom instructions and the phone number. If you have an agenda item, please email me or Sherri. The agenda will be very structured and won’t have room for the spontaneous interactions we are used to during our in-person Cups, but we wanted to see if this might work. SO, we will give it a shot and evaluate after. **But again, if you have**

an agenda item OR a question you would like answered, please email me or Sherri.

And you all should have received an email about our upcoming Gentry Lectureship event on Friday, July 17th at 3pm. Bill McKibben will be with us to discuss Climate Change and COVID. Registration is open so sign up. Should be a great Zoom webinar.

And finally, some humor to take you into the weekend...

- I just got pulled over by the cops. He said, "I can smell alcohol." I told him that's because he's not respecting social distancing.
- Anybody have an owner's manual for a husband? Mine's making a whining sound.
- Why did the chicken cross the road?
 - DR SEUSS: Did the chicken cross the road? Did he cross it with a toad? Yes, the chicken crossed the road, but why it crossed I've not been told.
 - ERNEST HEMINGWAY: To die in the rain, alone.
 - KING DAVID: O Lord, why dost the chicken cross the road? And why art the chicken hawks beset around it? Surely in vain the road is crossed in the sight of any predator.
 - GRANDPA: In my day we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road. Somebody told us the chicken crossed the road, and that was good enough for us.
 - BARBARA WALTERS: In a few moments, we will be listening to the chicken tell, for the first time, the heart-warming story of how, after a serious case of molting, she went on to accomplish her lifelong dream of crossing the road.
 - BILL GATES: I have just released eChicken2020, which will not only cross roads, but will lay eggs, file your important documents and balance your checkbook. This new platform is much more stable and will never reboot.
 - ALBERT EINSTEIN: Did the chicken really cross the road, or did the road move beneath the chicken?

- DR. FAUCI : We would prefer the chicken NOT cross the road but we understand that chickens need to get back to the important work of laying eggs.
- GRETA GARBOT: The chicken wants to be alone.

Thanks everyone. Stay safe!

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Martha".

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