



July 14, 2020

Hi everyone,

Just a reminder that I will be on vacation next week. Nothing big planned but it will be nice to do some stuff around the house, cook a bit, read uninterrupted for a few hours. So no emergencies and no COVID while I am away! Deal??? This also means there will be no updates for the week and no additional changes to restrictions.

Small miscommunication between me and the very eager **Gift Shop** volunteers. Although written Cup stated the Gift Shop would “open” again today on the front porch, it will open next Tuesday. One way for us all to scratch that “shopping” itch safely without even needing to leave the campus.

**Housekeeping starts tomorrow:**

Emails have gone out to everyone who is getting cleaned this week and has an email address. For those of you who don't have an email address, Leslie will call you. Those of you getting cleaned next week or the week after, you will get your day and time by end of day Friday.

Some of you have asked what a “modified deep clean” means. Let's start with what basic housekeeping services covers. In a “regular” cleaning, the housekeeper will clean:

- the sink(s), toilet(s) and tub/shower
- the bathroom floor (damp mop)
- the kitchen counter, floor and microwave
- high touch areas like light switches
- lint trap in dryers

They will also vacuum and do basic dusting (flat surfaces, pictures on walls).

A modified deep clean will also dust/wipe down baseboards, ceiling vents, blinds & screens, wash the fronts of cabinets, the tops of kitchen cabinets (if applicable), move furniture to get under and around for vacuuming, and wipe down the inside of fridges (if applicable/desired). This will be done by a pair of housekeepers so we can get as much work done as possible in the shortest time. We will not be shampooing carpets this time or washing windows.

When the bi-weekly schedule begins, you may have special requests, like a room you would like to have left alone or you would like bed sheets changed; or you may have expectations that aren't routine – like a 300 piece of miniature teacups that you would like dusted on a weekly basis. All special requests will be considered. If extra time is needed, we can talk about how that would affect the schedule and any additional charges.

Now is a good time to note that your housekeeping services today might be different from when you first moved in or might change in the future. You may have a health change that affects what you can or would like to do on your own. Housekeeping can help always support those changes.

### **Linden Opening:**

Gov. Scott announced that they have created guidance for Linden “Re-Opening.” We just received these documents this afternoon. Once we have a chance to review these documents and the requirements, we will share our plans with the community.

### **Thursday's Farmers Market relocated:**

All reports from last week's first Farmers Market were that it was great, but super hot, sunny and poorly physically distanced. So, we have decided to try a new location for this Thursday and see if it provides a bit more shade and space for residents to spread out.

**This Thursday's Farmers Market will be behind the Community Center under the porch outside the fitness room.** The grass has come in on the lawn there and we think it will be a bit cooler and provide more space for you all to appropriately physically distance. We will give it a shot this week and see how we like it. You can access the area from the building exit by the pool (or walk around the building by the pool) or off the porch by the gazebo. All the barriers have now been removed so it should be easy. Please do not use the fitness room exit or any exits from the ground floor of the Community Center. Looking forward to seeing you Thursday from 2-4!

### **Just another reminder about Out of State visitors and WR residents who travel out of state:**

Regardless of where visitors are coming from out-of-state (green, yellow or red counties) and regardless of where a WR resident goes out of state (green, yellow or red counties), we are requiring that before visiting Wake Robin or when returning to Wake Robin, the person must quarantine for 14 days (or 7 days and then get

tested). So if you have family members who are coming for a vacation in VT from out of state, they have to quarantine for 14 days (or 7 days and then get tested) before you can visit with them. I understand this is different from what the Governor is requiring, but this is exactly how the case at Kendall got caught. With the virus spreading across the country, and several counties that a week ago were green but now are yellow (Essex county in NY, for one), we want to be extra careful. The one week change in counties that went from green to yellow represents over 2 million people who no longer can come to VT without quarantining. The risks are still very high. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

### **Physical distancing on campus**

We are getting a bit lax. The Farmers Market last week had too many people clustered too closely together. If we can't maintain appropriate physical distance between each other, we can't offer these kind outdoor activities. Please help us out and always 1) wear a mask and 2) maintain a minimum 6-foot physical distance between you and the person in front and in back of you in line.

**Attaching an updated Guidelines and FAQs. I have had several folks review it, and I think it is all up to date.**

**Interesting series in VTDigger about the next wave of COVID in VT.**

[https://vtdigger.org/2020/07/12/the-next-wave-vtdiggers-series-on-the-future-of-covid/?utm\\_source=VTDigger+Subscribers+and+Donors&utm\\_campaign=64a2035512-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_07\\_13\\_01\\_47&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_d3c5486db-64a2035512-406090462](https://vtdigger.org/2020/07/12/the-next-wave-vtdiggers-series-on-the-future-of-covid/?utm_source=VTDigger+Subscribers+and+Donors&utm_campaign=64a2035512-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_07_13_01_47&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d3c5486db-64a2035512-406090462)

**Excellent Panel Discussion on COVID sponsored by McGill University**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qF8qju80RKY>

**Beautiful Vermont images in yesterday's NYT**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/13/travel/vermont-drone-photographs.html>

And finally...

**A GIFT FROM THE HEART** by Nancy

Dear friends, whoever you are

If you live at Wake Robin

You're already a star

But we have to keep our stars  
Shining bright  
With Corona in town  
We've had quite a fright.

I know you're smart or why would you be here?  
We keep our fellow residents all near and dear  
But someone said we're not all doing our part  
To protect each other with a  
Gift from the heart.

That mask is important,  
And if you don't wear yours  
Everyone sees you, and thinks you don't care  
And distancing too, that virus is tricky  
It flies through the air  
Because it's not picky  
It will land on you, and me, and it's very very sticky  
If it gets on you, you'll be very very sicky.

And so will everyone else, since it jumps everywhere  
If you don't wear your mask, we'll think you don't care.  
But we hope you do, cuz we care about you  
And we must do our part because it's a  
Gift from the heart.

Have a good week everyone.  
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