



# Town of Chatham

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## **Town of Chatham Beach Information**

**Effective January 1, 2014 Chatham’s beaches are SMOKE FREE per Board of Health Regulation (Tobacco Control Regulation, Section IV).**

### **COVID-19:**

Town officials urge visitors and community members to follow beach specific social distancing guidelines, see beach signage and/or Cape Cod Reopening Task Force (<https://www.reopeningcapecod.org/beaches>), and general social distancing guidelines (6 feet from non-family members) from MADPH and CDC, including the wearing of a face covering when social distancing cannot be maintained, washing hands frequently, utilizing alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and practicing proper respiratory etiquette.

The Board of Health issued an Order mandating the wearing of a face covering at the Lighthouse Beach Overlook and access stairs, Fish Pier Observation Deck (when opened to the public), and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. when utilizing Main Street from the Rotary to School Street.

Updated COVID-19 information is available on the Town’s website:  
<https://www.chatham-ma.gov/home/pages/covid-19-coronavirus-information>.

### **Beaches with Lifeguards: Chatham Resident/Chatham Non-resident Property Taxpayer sticker or visitor pass required (except Oyster Pond).**

Lifeguards are on duty between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. from June 26<sup>th</sup> to September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Harding’s Beach.....Resident/non-resident taxpayer sticker or visitor pass (U.S. Military personnel, active or retired with a valid Military picture ID, are allowed free access to Harding’s Beach.)

Ridgevale Beach.....Resident/non-resident taxpayer sticker or visitors pass

Cockle Cove Beach.....Resident/non-resident taxpayer sticker or visitors pass  
School House Pond..... Resident/non-resident taxpayer sticker **ONLY**  
Oyster Pond Beach.....No sticker or pass required

**VISITOR Passes:**

Non-resident Daily, Weekly, and Seasonal Beach parking passes for Harding’s, Cockle Cove, and Ridgevale Beaches in Chatham must now be purchased online prior to arriving at the beach. Online purchases of parking passes via computer, tablet, or smart phone device begin June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

There will be no parking passes sold at any beach gatehouses or the Harbormasters Office.

A link for online purchases will be posted on the Town’s website ([www.chatham-ma.gov](http://www.chatham-ma.gov)) on June 25, 2020. Purchasers must create an account and pay with credit card or by ACH check; transaction fees will apply. The purchased pass can either be printed out or saved on a smart phone or tablet for display to beach gate attendants.

Instruction on how to create an account and purchase a parking pass will be posted on the Town website along with the link to the purchasing system.

While there are no plans to permanently limit parking at the beaches, monitors will be in place to evaluate available areas on the beaches and may need to temporarily close lots if space does not allow for social distancing of toweled groups.

\$20.00 daily or \$75.00 weekly or \$175.00 seasonal

**CHATHAM RESIDENT & CHATHAM NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY TAXPAYERS: due to COVID-19 limitations beach stickers can only be purchased by mail (see website: <https://www.chatham-ma.gov/sticker-beach-transfer-station-shellfish-permits-office>)**

Resident Beach ONLY sticker fees: \$30.00 first sticker; \$25.00 second sticker

**Lighthouse Beach (No Lifeguards)**

Passes for parking on Bridge St. to access Lighthouse Beach are required between July 1<sup>st</sup> and Labor Day, daily 9 am to 5 pm.

1. Residents/Taxpayers – Any Chatham resident/taxpayer sticker (Beach, Transfer Station, Combination, Recycle, North Beach ORV) is acceptable.
2. Visitors – The same visitors pass obtained for any pay beach.

Beach & Parks Rules & Regulations Section 3, Subsection 3.7:

*No children under 10 years of age may attend any beach unless accompanied by an adult. Any minor child on a beach or park of the town is the responsibility of the minor child's parents and or guardian or other person/persons who may be in charge of minor children, as in the case of picnics, group gatherings, school or outings or field trips, or any other group function.*