

Town of Middlebury
Emergency Management Bulletin
June 4, 2020

Lodging vs. Domiciling

For the purpose of quarantine and the Governor's Orders, we have to make the distinction between domiciling and lodging – the rules are different for each one. Domiciling is when you are renting and staying in a place for 31 days or longer. Essentially tenancy. You've rented an apartment. We see this with college students and others who have moved into Middlebury from out-of-state. If this is the case, you must *quarantine in place* for 14 days *once you've arrived*, or get CV-19 tested after 7 days, and you are released from quarantine when you receive a negative test result.

If you are coming from out-of-state and lodging at an Air BnB, staying with relatives, etc. for 30 days or less, you must *quarantine for 14 days prior to arrival*, you cannot quarantine in your place of lodging. You must complete an affidavit attesting, under penalty of perjury, that you have completed the quarantine. The landlord, hotelier, or host must retain this affidavit and is responsible for enforcing /complying with the governor's orders. The affidavit can be found on the ACCD website.

How will anyone know? Seeing out-of-state cars at a lodging will often result in someone calling the police, notifying the Attorney General, or filling in the on-line complaint form with the state. The police may come and check and ask to see the affidavit. If the person claims to be a Vermont resident, they must show the intake person their state-issued identification.

That's the long and short of it, and that's the rule right now ...subject to change, of course. As Scarlett O'Hara said while on her knees rummaging through the dirt at burned out Tara, "Tomorrow is another day". Expect more spigot opening tomorrow.

More Pop-Up Tests

VDH is pushing hard to attain 1,000 Covid-19 tests a day. And Middlebury is doing its part! Testing is tomorrow, June 5th, at the American Legion, and then again next Friday, June 12, at the American Legion. And if that's not enough, they are being scheduled out until the end of the month, and they are not just in Middlebury. This is the site to register: <https://humanresources.vermont.gov/popups>

Paycheck Protection Program Information

The Department of Economic Development will host a virtual town hall on Friday, June 5th at 2:00 PM to share updates about the Paycheck Protection Program. Funds are still available for businesses to access. Representatives from the SBA and local banks and credit unions will be available to answer questions.

Here is the link:

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Yes, You CAN Pick Your Own

Ag products, that is -strawberries, blueberries, etc. The Agency of Agriculture has published a set of rules, naturally, for guidance on pick your own operations for those who like crawling through strawberry fields forever. It's rather lengthy, but you can find them here:

<https://agriculture.vermont.gov/sites/agriculture/files/PYO%20Guidance%20-%20June%201%2C%202020.pdf>

Quarantine Quiz

For those who follow these bulletins, you may remember a few weeks ago we reported that VDH reduced the quarantine period from 14 days to 12 days, yet the Governor kept referring to 14 day quarantines. Well, in the "Boss is the boss is the boss" department, we now have guidelines with all parties agreeing that 14 days is the quarantine period! Period, the end. So 14 days it is.

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/COVID-19-HAN-UpdatedChangestoQuarantine.pdf>

Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival Goes On-Line

With uncertainty abounding, the MNFF organizers aren't taking any chances, but the show must go on! MNFF organizers have begun working on an online version of the 6th Annual Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival to take place around the same late August dates of the physical Festival. You can anticipate a robust collection of both feature films and shorts, documentaries and dramas, all from first and second time filmmakers, to be available for viewing. You can look forward to interesting Q&As with filmmakers. And, what's more, you can expect to engage with the Festival not on a tight day-by-day, film-by-film schedule but rather a flexible schedule that lets you watch a film whenever you'd like over the course of the event.

Right now, you can gather in groups of up to 25. If all goes well and we stay the course, that number could be increased come August. So for all those MNFF fans out there, this thing is still very fluid. And with so many entertaining things having been cancelled, why not catch a flick or two... or 3... or more and some interesting conversation. Follow MNFF at <https://middfilmfest.org/>