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Thank you for reaching out about what self-quarantining means in South Kingstown. One question we're been asked is **does the 14-day self-quarantine for out of state visitors start anew if a visitor leaves and then returns to Rhode Island?** The simple answer is: yes, the self-quarantine period refers to 14 consecutive days without exposure to Rhode Islanders after coming into Rhode Island from out of state.

Another question we are hearing often is **what exactly is the definition of quarantine while in Rhode Island?** A more detailed answer is:

Fourteen consecutive days without exposure to Rhode Islanders after coming into Rhode Island from out of state means: no direct or indirect contact with people outside your local household. During the quarantine period you should avoid face-to-face interactions of all sorts and you should not visit other peoples' homes or public places where common areas or surfaces might be contaminated. This is a difficult burden to endure, but it's also the best tool we have right now to ensure that together we keep each other – year-round and seasonal residents – safe this summer.

Taking walks on the beach alone or with members of you household is fine so long as you avoid other people. So too with other outdoor activities – cycling, sailing, kayaking. Personal responsibility and concern for others will get us through this crisis. Be reasonable. Be careful. Be kind.

The point of the self-quarantine is to impede the spread of the coronavirus by reducing the opportunities for the virus to jump from "one" place to "another." Achieving that objective may be difficult here in southern New England because our strong social, cultural and economic ties reach beyond town and state borders. But if we're smart, we'll keep each other from getting sick, we'll maintain our economy and preserve our property values.

Please know that services are available to support seasonal residents during their 14-day self-quarantine period. If you need assistance while in South Kingstown, be sure to visit our website www.southkingstownri.com for information about staying COVID safe this summer, or please contact my office and we can help arrange or provide you with information about delivery and support services.

Thank you for being a responsible member of the community. It will be different, but I hope you have a safe and wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

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