

Community of Christ

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To all members of the Onset Conference, Campgrounds homeowners, lessees and their families,

Since spring 2020, the global COVID-19 pandemic caused a shut down in numerous facilities, activities, and gatherings throughout the world. This included the suspension of all organized indoor group activities on the Onset campgrounds (save one brief window in July 2021 when the case rate was low), and a suspension on rentals of hutments, cabins or campsites that require use of shared restroom /shower facilities on the campgrounds. Reunions were cancelled or held virtually, and other Mission Center events were cancelled as well.

Sadly, to date, over six million across the world have died of the disease and our hearts go out to their families. On a brighter note, after more than two years of this pandemic, a number of changes have occurred in our world, and, it seems, in the virus, that are allowing us to begin to gather again, albeit with caution and restrictions. The Onset Board of Trustees (OBOT) Re-opening Committee has worked hard in light of the new state of the world, to develop a re-opening plan which was approved by the New England Mission Center Presidents, which is summarized in the attached document, effective May 28, 2022. Anyone hoping or planning to spend time on the Onset Campgrounds this summer should read this policy. Like last year, it has been developed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 with the goal of “**protecting the most vulnerable**” (D&C 164:6a).

Jay Cook and Charlotte Brousseau continue to serve as our Campgrounds Health Officers. Please see either of them if you have any questions.

Wishing you a healthy, happy summer,

The Onset Board of Trustees Re-Opening Committee

Onset Campground COVID-19 Re-Opening Plan Summary

Effective May 28, 2022

General Guidelines:

- Campground residents and guests are encouraged to be fully vaccinated.
- Anyone who feels sick (cold-like symptoms, fever, diarrhea, fatigue) should be tested for COVID-19 and refrain from public gatherings until a negative test and symptoms subside. At-home tests are readily available (free from the federal government at: covid.gov).
- Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 should isolate until they test negative.
- Physical distancing (staying 6' apart) is recommended when gathering, indoors or out.
- Try to gather with friends and neighbors outdoors to the extent possible.

Monitoring and Response to Data:

The Mission Center President and two Campground Health Officers will monitor an array of COVID data on covidactnow.org and may tighten restrictions or even suspend group gatherings and short-term rentals if deemed necessary in light of the data.

Personal Use of Campgrounds:

Cottage owners and renters, their families, and invited guests are free to come and go from the campgrounds and invite people into their homes as they deem safe, in compliance with any mandates that may be issued by the local, state, or federal government.

Use of Recreation Facilities:

The ballfield, playground, tennis court, pickleball court, Point, and boat launch are all open for use, with no restrictions, as in the years prior to COVID.

Short-Term Rentals:

All short-term rental accommodations, including the Muddy Cove Retreat Center, the hutments and cabins, the Roberts House and the campsites are available for rent this summer. Rental rates and terms and conditions are available on the campgrounds website: onsetcampground.org/housing. Note: linens are not provided.

Worship Services:

The Onset Congregation plans to hold worship services in the Youth Chapel throughout the month of June and in the Tabernacle starting in July through Labor Day Weekend. These gatherings will follow the rules and requirement for in-person gatherings, documented separately. Basic requirements are that all attendees must wear a mask. Speakers and soloists

may unmask. Congregational leadership may consider holding services outdoors under a large canopy to allow for un-masked singing.

Other Organized Group Activities:

Organized group activities may take place on the campgrounds this year. Organizers of these events must reserve the facilities they wish to use, complete an application, agree to adhere by strict rules related to mask wearing indoors, how food is served, and sanitation practices. The application and event checklist are separate documents available from Rentals Manager, Mal Booth or either Campground Health Officer.

Please see the attached answers to frequently asked questions for more information.

Onset Campgrounds Reopening Answers to Frequently Asked Questions May 2022

Q1. In 2021, campground facilities opened for indoor group gatherings for one month and then had to close again due to a rise in the number of COVID cases in Plymouth County, MA. Could the same thing happen in 2022?

A1. Unfortunately, given the nature of COVID, it could happen again. However, this year, the Campground Health Officers, Jay Cook and Charlotte Brousseau, and the New England Mission Center President, Missy Quay, will be monitoring an array of COVID data for Plymouth County, MA on covidactnow.org. The data includes not only weekly new COVID cases per 100,000 population (which is no longer particularly helpful for determining risk for a variety of reasons), but also much more useful data, including: weekly COVID hospital admissions per 100,000 population; percent of hospital beds filled by COVID patients; infection rate; and the trends (up or down) for each of these data points. The covidactnow website has clear graphs showing the trends, and green (low risk), yellow (moderate risk) and red (high risk) markers next to the individual data points. With the high vaccination rate in Plymouth County, we are hopeful that severe cases requiring hospitalization will stay low, trends will be in the right direction, and we will therefore be able to have group gatherings and make rentals available throughout the summer.

Q2. What OBOT-managed facilities are open on the campgrounds for group activities in Summer 2021?

A2. The Tabernacle, Rec Hall, and Youth Chapel are the indoor facilities available for group activities, however occupancy is restricted. Currently, occupancy is limited to approximately 50% Capacity – no more than 100 in the tabernacle, 50 in the Youth Chapel and 50 in the Rec Center. These facilities will only be opened up for specific group activities for which these facilities have been reserved. Those who reserve these facilities must follow the strict Guidelines issued by the OBOT and approved by World Church. Those who wish to host group activities are encouraged to host them outdoors. There will be restrictions on food service on the Campgrounds, which will be reviewed with event hosts. The Board may cancel reservations with minimal notice if the COVID-19 situation in the US, and particularly in Plymouth County worsens. The occupancy limits and other restrictions may relax over time as the COVID-19 situation improves. Individual event organizers may have more restrictions.

Q3. What are the short-term rental options on the Campgrounds in Summer 2021?

A3: All short-term rental units are open -- eight units in the Muddy Cover Retreat Center (MCRC), two units in the Roberts House, all four hutments and both cabins, as well as all campsites. No bedding or towels will be provided, however. If you live on the campgrounds and have friends or relatives coming to stay in one of the rentals, you may loan them your personal towels, sheets, and blankets for use in the rental units. Pillows and mattress covers will be provided in the MCRC. Rental units will be left vacant for 24 hours between rentals and units

will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized between reservations. Reservation request forms for all short-term rental units and campsites are available on the website, onsetcampground.org, and each form lists the criteria guests must meet to be eligible to stay in campgrounds rental accommodation as well as any additional COVID restrictions or precautions in place. Currently, this includes the requirement that guests have a recent (within 48 hours) negative COVID test to stay in the rental units. People with reservations who must cancel at short notice due to a positive COVID test will receive a full refund of their deposit.

Q4. Will there be an OBOT-sponsored summer program, in 2022?

A4: Yes. The Board of Trustees is in the process of planning for a volunteer-run Summer Program.

Q5. Will the kayaks be available for use?

A5: Yes. The kayaks and life jackets will be available for use at your own risk as in years past.

Q6. Can I swim and play at the Point?

A6: Yes, at your own risk, as in years past.

Q7. Do I have to wear a mask when I am in another person's cottage on the campgrounds, on another person's lot on the campgrounds or when I am walking around on the campgrounds?

A7: Masks are not required outdoors. Cottage owners may require visitors to wear masks in their homes if they desire. People with health conditions that place them at risk for severe COVID should follow the advice of their doctor.

Q8: Can I use the coin-operated laundry and attached restroom in the little building between the Roberts House and the Tabernacle?

A8: Yes. We still recommend you take your clean laundry home to fold to reduce overlap with others in this confined space. Sanitizing wipes will be supplied and you are encouraged to use those to sanitize high-touch surfaces before and after your use.

Q9. Will church be held in the Tabernacle this summer?

A9: The Onset Congregation (not OBOT) hosts church services in the summer, but the hope and plan is for services to be held in the tabernacle with a zoom link for those who would prefer not to gather in person. See Pastor Bill Brousseau for more information.

Q10. Will Reunion be held this summer?

A10: New England Mission Center (not OBOT) hosts reunion every summer. Mission Center leadership plans on hosting reunion in person on the Onset campgrounds this year. Missy Quay,

Mission Center Co-President and Onset Reunion Director, will be issuing the requirements and protocols to prevent the spread of COVID, including having a negative COVID test within 48 hours of arrival on the campgrounds, and when and where masks will be required. Everyone must pre-register for reunion. If you have not received the forms, contact Missy Quay.

Q11. Will the Jim Cook Seminar be held in person this year?

A11: Assuming the COVID-19 situation remains stable or continues to improve, the seminar will be held in-person June 17-19, 2022, with masking requirements. All participants should have a negative COVID test within 48 hours prior to arrival at the Friday opening. Contact Jay Cook for more information.

Q12. Will Onset Conference be held in person this year?

A12. Onset Conference is scheduled for July 30, 2022. The Board will decide at its June Meeting whether it will be held virtually or in-person, and if in-person whether it will be indoors or outdoors.

Q13. Does a person's vaccination status (i.e., being vaccinated or not) impact their ability to participate in activities on the Campgrounds this summer?

A13: For everyone's protection, we encourage everyone who can to get vaccinated. Vaccinated or not, anyone attending reunion, will need to have a negative COVID test within 48 hours prior to arrival. To stay in the rental units (Muddy Cove Retreat Center, hutments/cabins, campsites or Robert's House), guests should have a negative COVID test within 48 hours prior to arrival.

Q14. Can baptisms, weddings or funerals/memorial services take place on the Campgrounds this summer?

A14: Yes, in accordance with OBOT's 2022 Procedures for In Person Gathering. We also encourage you to consider hosting the service outdoors.

Q15. Can I hold a memorial service in the Tabernacle this summer for my loved one who passed away earlier this year?

A15: Yes, in accordance with OBOT's 2022 Procedures for In Person Gathering. Your first step will be to check with Rentals Manager Mal Booth about dates the tabernacle (and Rec Center if desired for reception after the service) is available. We also encourage you to consider hosting the service outdoors.

Q16. Can I use the tennis court/pickle ball court?

A16: Yes.

Q17. Are there any restrictions on outdoor gatherings?

A17: No. No reservations nor an approved Application is required for cottage owners, lot lessees, or members of the Onset Conference to host an outdoor gathering on the campgrounds. To be as safe as possible, we encourage people who gather outdoors to be mindful of their distance from one another. In addition, we discourage people from hosting potlucks at which participants would go through a buffet line, each serving their own food. Individual lot lessees may place stricter requirements on gatherings on their own leased lots. At this time, no communal serving of food (such as potluck or buffet) at church / campground authorized events except with prior CHO approval.