SAFETY MEASURES

Effective Tuesday April 14, 2020

CTC continues to monitor CDC recommendations regarding safety measures for persons traveling. Based on updated health information, we are implementing the following procedures:

Passengers boarding the ferry must wear a face mask. This will protect both crew and passengers. CTC will have a limited number of cloth masks available on the ferry for passengers who do not have a mask and need one for ongoing use. In exchange for providing riders with their own masks, we request a donation ($5) for each mask supplied by CTC. The proceeds will be donated to an island charity that is helping the community through this difficult time. Your cloth mask can be cleaned and worn repeatedly. CDC guidance on use and cleaning the masks can be found here https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html

1. We understand that some people (young children and adults with breathing problems) may not be able to use a mask. We urge all others to follow this practice. We will all be safer because of it.

2. The ferry passenger count limit will be set at 20 passengers to allow for social distancing. Both the stern and bow of the Independence can be used by passengers. If we have more than 20 passengers on a trip, we will make two trips.

3. Passengers who are feeling ill (cold, flu, etc.) are encouraged to remain on the stern for the duration of the trip.

The following safety measures are currently in place.

4. Passengers will not be allowed in the wheelhouse or the deckhand area.

5. Freight: Deckhands will not handle freight at Cousins. Carts will continue to be available and may be left on the float or brought from the wharf at the time of boarding.

6. Boarding times: To give our crew ample opportunity to clean the boat between trips, passengers may not board earlier than 15 minutes before departure from Chebeague.

Please practice social distancing when waiting for the ferry and while boarding the ferry.

Thank you for your cooperation.