



**TOWN OF DIGHTON
OFFICE OF THE
BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

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To All Homeowners and Contractors,

The current public and social environments are leading us into uncharted territory. Our State has decided to take extreme measures to ensure against the spread of the virus circulating around us. I take the responsibilities of Public Health and this Department very seriously. I also understand that ceasing inspectional services can further cripple the economy, especially at a time when the country is being stretched to its limits. Closing the office or limiting inspections will cause severe hardship to contractors and property owners alike.

At the current time, the Town of Dighton has decided to close Town Buildings to all members of the public until further notice, therefore personal interaction will be non-existent. However, this department will continue to offer some essential services until directed otherwise by the appropriate Health Officials.

The **Dighton Fire Department has suspended all inspections**, so Certificates of Occupancy will not be able to be released, **please plan accordingly**.

The Building Department will continue to offer inspectional services on a limited basis with the following specific guidelines:

***Permits must be mailed into the office or dropped at the "Drop Box" at Town Hall - located at the base of the front entrance ramp.** Failure to include all needed documents will delay Permit processing.

*The office will **not** be properly staffed, so calls may **not** be answered and voice mails will **not** be checked and/or returned. **All Inspection requests and department questions MUST be emailed to jaguiar@dighton-ma.gov** Failure to do so will certainly delay your project.

*If the property you are requesting an inspection for is occupied, you need to inform the Inspector if anyone in the house has been or become ill. If "yes" then the inspection will be suspended until further notice.

*If the property is vacant the contractor must leave it open **OR** when meeting with Inspectors, please keep spatial distance to prevent any potential spread of the virus. With proper planning and a consciousness of the facts, we can overcome these troubling times. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully,


James D Aguiar Jr.
Building Commissioner
Town of Dighton