



# TOWN OF YARMOUTH

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Updated Information Regarding Migrant Family Shelter in West Yarmouth**

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**Yarmouth, September 18, 2023** – Town Administrator Robert Whritenour of Yarmouth received unexpected news from Governor Healy’s Office on September 13, regarding the presence of additional migrant families at the Harbor Side Suites. Including previous arrivals, a total of 21 families, comprising 72 individuals, were reported to be residing at the motel without prior notice to the Town of Yarmouth having been received.

On September 14, 2023, a delegation from the Town of Yarmouth, including the Building Commissioner, Health Director and support staff, conducted an onsite visit to the Harbor Side Suites. During their visit, they engaged with the property’s owner to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the situation.

The team learned from the owner that the 21 families were accommodated in 25 rooms within the motel. His initial estimates suggest that there are between 30 and 35 children among the residents. Additionally, the State’s rapid response medical team, comprising two Registered Nurses (RNs), was present on-site to conduct necessary medical assessments. Dennis Yarmouth Regional School District staff were also on hand to facilitate the enrollment of school-age children.

The Town of Yarmouth is actively working to address any impacts on the Town of Yarmouth occasioned by these arrangements, and to ensure all public safeguards of the migrant families now residing at the Harbor Side Suites, as well as the residents of the town are met.

The Town of Yarmouth will provide additional updates as information becomes available.