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## **Free Maritime Aquarium Tickets Available for Essential Workers This Monday to Wednesday**

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In this season of Thanksgiving, the Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk is expressing gratitude to essential workers who have helped the community respond to — and thrive during — the coronavirus pandemic by making free tickets available this Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 23 to 25.

— [an announcement](#) from the *Maritime Aquarium*

During these “Gratitude Days,” one free adult ticket will be available to essential workers with the purchase of any one full-priced Aquarium admission ticket.

The offer is limited to one free ticket per household. Advance purchase is required via [the aquarium website](#) and will be available starting at noon on Sunday, Nov. 22.

“We want to thank the doctors, nurses, health-care workers and first-responders who have been literally fighting to save our lives throughout the pandemic, which even today rages on,” said Jason Patlis, the aquarium’s president and CEO.

“But we also want to thank the many other essential workers — our neighbors — who work in grocery stores and other shops as cashiers and stockers; who are on the streets, delivering our packages, driving buses, taxis and rideshares; who are postal workers delivering our mail; who serve as teachers and educators for our children.

“There’s a long list of unheralded people who have remained on the front lines all year to keep our community functioning. We’re happy to offer this small token of appreciation.”

Special in-person discounts also will be available in the Gift Shop from Nov. 23 to 25.

In addition during “Gratitude Days,” the aquarium is offering \$25 discounts on memberships of all levels. For example, a one-year “Family” membership – good for unlimited visits, plus other discounts – will cost \$165 instead of the usual \$190.

The Maritime Aquarium reopened to the public on June 20 with reduced capacity, enhanced cleaning, one-way flow through galleries and mask requirements for ages 3 and older.

Except for members, admission is only by advance online purchase of timed-entry tickets. The rules, procedures and protocols meet or exceed state and federal guidelines and requirements.

To receive “Gratitude Day” benefits Nov. 23 to 25, guests need merely to “self identify” as essential workers. Learn more and purchase advance tickets at [the aquarium website](#).