

Town of Bar Harbor: Covid Update

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PLEASE WEAR A MASK

The Town of Bar Harbor expects residents and visitors alike to abide by CDC and State recommendations for mask wearing, social distancing, quarantine, isolation, and handwashing. Abiding by these recommendations will help protect our island community.

Maine can welcome all visitors from VT, NH, NJ, NY, CT without test or quarantine, and all others who provide a recent negative covid test or who quarantine for 14 days.

The Governor's mandate requires Maine people to wear cloth face coverings in public places where physical distancing is difficult to maintain, as recommended by the US CDC.

Covid Transmission Update

- MDI Hospital confirmed that they have had five (5) positive tests to date.
- As of today 7/24/20, Maine CDC has confirmed nineteen (19) positive cases in Hancock County.
- There have been zero (0) positive tests in Bar Harbor.
- The current case rate for the State of Maine is 28.1 per 10k people
- The current case rate for Hancock County is 3.5 per 10k people

[Maine Center for Disease Control](#)

Public Safety & Municipal News

- Next Community Covid 19 Forum : *"Updates from Local Decision Makers"*
 - On Zoom, July 28th from 6-7:30pm
- Council Actions from 7/21:
 - Ms. Cough, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to make the following statement:
 - The Town Council of Bar Harbor firmly stands with the Governor's Executive Orders regarding masks and will support our local businesses in that all individuals must wear face coverings while in any indoor spaces accessible to the public and congested village areas, as well as those servicing these public spaces and businesses.
- Motion passed 7-0.
- [Bar Harbor Election Results](#)

- 6 FREE MASK boxes, with sanitizer on them, have been installed in downtown Bar Harbor. They are located in the following areas:
 - Agamont Park, near comfort station by pergola
 - Village Green, near comfort station
 - 2 Cottage Street
 - Barker Park
 - Municipal Building
 - Near the First on Main Street

MDI Hospital

MDI Hospital Coronavirus Call Center : If you are having symptoms or think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, call your primary care provider. If you do not have one, reach out to our Coronavirus Call Center at 207-801-5900. Calling ahead helps our dedicated health care professionals provide the best possible care and protects those in our community who are most vulnerable. Remember: **PLEASE CALL AHEAD**

[MDI Hospital Covid Updates](#)

School Information: Conners Emerson & MDI High School

July 13th, the track, tennis courts and playgrounds at MDI Regional Schools (AOS 91) will be open to the public, with the following guidelines....

- All State of Maine and CDC guidelines must be followed and adhered to at all times (social distancing, no large gathering, face covering, etc.)
- No team organized practices or equipment will be allowed or available
- Any person using the facilities will do so at their own risk. MDIRSS will not be responsible for any issues that may occur
- Only 2 tennis courts will be available at this time.
- Public restrooms will not be available
- Please note that the gyms and weight room will not be available
- Please note that all schools in MDIRSS are still shut down and not available

[USDA Pandemic EBT program](#)

School Emails and Websites

- <http://www.mdirss.org/>

MDIRSS Safe Return to School

The COVID-19 Pandemic impact on school continues. As we prepare for the opening of the 2020-2021 school year, MDIRSS Schools are offering two options to meet the needs of our students and families in response to this global health crisis. Please take some time to review the

two options, and complete the survey linked below. Your input is vital to our planning for the opening of school.

OPTION A: SCHOOL BASED

During the COVID-19 pandemic, following current state/local guidelines, and safety protocols, your child returns to school; at times, some (or all) of their learning may occur remotely.

Option A looks like:

- Attending school 5 full days each week, or a hybrid schedule including some days at school, some days learning remotely.
- Participation is expected and attendance will be recorded.
- Standards based grading practices in place.
- Physical distancing practices followed.
- Face coverings worn by all staff and students.
- Clear health guidelines.
- Staff reinforcement of hand washing.
- Food service will be provided.
- Extra-curricular activities (if available) will be offered.
- Timely communication from school regarding schedule, and any possible changes to a hybrid schedule (some days in school, some days at home) or complete remote schooling should community quarantine be necessary.

*Ideally, students would be in school 5 days a week, however a safe response to the COVID 19 impact on our community will dictate whether we are in school every day, have a hybrid plan in place where some learning is at school, some remote, or if we are completely remote.

OPTION B: VIRTUAL ONLY

During the COVID-19 pandemic, your child participates in school from home.

Option B looks like:

- A teacher will be assigned to your child; groupings to be determined.
- Participation is expected and attendance will be recorded.
- Standards based grading practices in place.
- A device and learning materials will be provided.
- Modified Food service may be available.
- Extra-curricular activities (if available) will be offered.

A message for ALL MDIRSS Families

for Option A and Option B:

MDIRSS Schools are committed to the physical, social, emotional and academic well-being of our students. Supports for each are in place in all of our schools, and we are looking forward to providing rich learning opportunities for all of our

students either in school, or virtually. Attendance and participation are critical. MDIRSS Schools are committed to student learning and growth. Clear expectations, assessment and traditional grading practices will be in place.

[MDIRSS Safe Return to School Survey](#) -- Results appreciated by **Monday, July 27th**

- [Latest email update from Principal Haney and MDI High School](#) - Can check out books from MDIHS Library throughout the summer
- [Latest email update from Conners Emerson School - Return to school update](#)
- [Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse - Video](#)

Government News & Mandates

[Governor Mills: Latest Updates](#) :

- [Maine DHHS Announces Four Additional “Swab and Send” COVID-19 Testing Sites To Protect Health of Students & Staff, Mills Administration Provides Public Health Guidance & Financial Support to School Systems Across Maine](#)
- [Mills Administration Supports Child Care for Working Families with \\$8 Million Investment from Coronavirus Relief Fund](#)
- [Mills Administration on 2020 First Quarter Drug Overdose Report](#)
- [Mills Administration Announces Nearly 20 “Swab and Send” COVID-19 Testing Sites](#)
- [Governor Mills Proclaims Today Ashley Frederick Bryan Day](#)
- [Governor Mills Secures Discounted Electricity for Maine from Hydro-Québec](#)
- [Governor Mills Statement Regarding Sappi Paper Machine Closure To Fight COVID-19,](#)
- [Governor Mills Strengthens Enforcement of Face Covering Requirement as Maine Reopens](#)
- [With Improving Public Health Metrics, Mills Administration Exempts Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey From Quarantine & Testing Requirement](#)

[Representative Brian Hubbell’s latest newsletter : Priorities to stabilize and support Maine’s economy 7/15](#)

Other Government Resources:

- [Pandemic Unemployment Assistance](#)
- [Maine Tourism Relief Fund](#) : Apply For Assistance beginning May 5
- [The Small Business Association](#) Link to loan and grant forms: EIDL & PPP
- [CDC Guidelines](#)
- [Maine CDC](#)

Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce

If you have ideas that would help Bar Harbor businesses during this time, please email concepts to Chamber Director Alf Anderson: alf@barharborinfo.com

Includes resource lists for visitors and businesses

<https://www.visitbarharbor.com/member-center-coronavirus-resources>

Community Resources

- [Healthy Acadia Newsletter 7/21](#)
- [Open Table MDI – Building Community, One Meal at a Time](#) is delivering meals twice a week, free of charge, to anyone who requests them (MDI wide), as well as once a week curbside pick up. They are donation based and the food is healthy and tasty.
- [Jesup Memorial Library Interlibrary Loan is now active in Maine](#)
- [Mount Desert 365 Resource Spreadsheet](#) is a resource list for all of MDI
- [Project Open: A community spreadsheet letting residents and visitors know what island businesses are open](#)
- [Mount Desert Island Community Response](#) is a resource list for all of MDI
- [Bar Harbor Food Pantry](#)
- [Help Request to MDI Community Helpers](#)

Ways to Help

- [MDI Nonprofit Alliance : Share Our Stimulus](#) : share stimulus money with local nonprofits.
- [MDI Community Helpers](#)
- [Island Connections](#)

Acadia National Park

[See latest alert from ANP](#) : Current Conditions

Land & Garden Preserve

The Asticou Azalea Garden is now open each Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until at least early August.

- Thuya Garden hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. Thuya Lodge will be closed for the 2020 season.
- Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden will open July 30 through September 6. Thursday through Sunday between 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Little Long Pond, Asticou Landing, Terraces and Lookouts are open daily from dawn to dusk.

[Land & Garden Preserve.](#)

Mental Health

[National Alliance on Mental Illness Maine](#)

[Maine DHHS - Hotlines/Crisis Numbers](#)

[Crisis Services](#)

Island Explorer

Downeast Transportation, in consultation with its partners, has decided to indefinitely postpone Island Explorer bus system service for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information or to add to this resource page, please email: nina@barharbormaine.gov