

Town of Bar Harbor: Covid Update

PLEASE WEAR A MASK!

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Town Manager Question of the Week

Q: How is the Town of Bar Harbor funding the free mask distribution?

A: The Town of Bar Harbor received two grants with a combined total of \$159,200 from the State of Maine Keep ME Healthy program. The Town distributes more than 1,200 masks daily to visitors, workers and residents in an effort to limit the spread of Covid 19. The cost of each individually wrapped mask has gone from \$.69/mask down to \$.39/mask with the Town's most recent purchase of 100,000 masks.

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 9 positive tests to date.
 - 4 Hancock County (not Bar Harbor residents)
 - 5 (non-residents)
- As of today 8/20/20, Maine CDC has confirmed 42 positive cases in Hancock County.
- The current case rate for the State of Maine is 31.8 per 10k people
- The current case rate for Hancock County is 7.7 per 10k people
- There have been zero (0) positive tests in Bar Harbor.

[Maine Center for Disease Control](#)

Public Safety & Municipal News

- Sidewalk "social distancing" stickers have been placed in various high traffic areas in the downtown. Depending on wear, they may be replaced by a stencil.

- No vote was taken by Council on the proposed Vacation Rental Ordinance Amendments. The Town will continue to work toward final language for the June 2021 vote.
- The Council approved a Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce outdoor craft fair event to be held on September 26th and 27th, located on Newport Drive.
- Town Council meets next on 8/18 at 4pm
 - Can be viewed live at townhallstreams.com or on Spectrum Cable channel 1303
- [The Town of Bar Harbor received a second grant of \\$33,083 from the State of Maine Keep ME Healthy program to help Bar Harbor with Covid related needs.](#)

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**

School Information: Conners Emerson & MDI High School

- School will be remote through September 25th.
- Chris Popper talked with Principal Matt Haney from MDIHS about returning to school and fall sports. [Click here to see the interview](#)

[USDA Pandemic EBT program](#)

School Emails and Websites

- <http://www.mdirss.org/>
- [Latest email update from Principal Haney and MDI High School - FAQ's 8/19](#)
- [MDI High School: Extra Curricular Physicals & Insurance Information](#)
- [Latest email update from Conners Emerson School - Return to School w Survey](#)
- [Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse -](#)

Government News & Mandates

[Governor Mills: Latest Updates :](#)

- [Governor Mills Launches \\$200 Million Economic Recovery Grant Program to Support Maine Small Businesses 8/20](#)
- [Maine DHHS and MaineHealth Announce Five New "Swab and Send" COVID-19 Testing Sites Opening Next Week 8/20](#)
- [Maple Syrup Producers Eligible for COVID-19 Financial Relief Following Advocacy by Maine Delegation and Governor Mills](#)

- [Mills Administration Approves Second Round of COVID-19 Prevention and Protection Awards Under Keep Maine Healthy Plan](#)
- [As Maine Seeks to Maintain Relatively Low Virus Spread, Governor Mills Renews State of Civil Emergency](#)
- [Governor Mills & MaineHousing Expand Rental Relief Program to Help Prevent Evictions, Counter Reductions in Federal Unemployment Benefits](#)

Representative Brian Hubbell's latest newsletter: [Stabilizing the economy, climate action strategies, and public health measures 7/23/20](#)

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 8/18](#)
- [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).
- [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 | Park Campgrounds will remain closed for the 2020 season.

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