

Town of Bar Harbor: Covid Update

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

Covid Transmission Update

MDI Hospital confirmed that they have had one (1) positive test to date.

As of today 3/25/20, Maine CDC has no confirmed cases in Hancock County however Dr. Shah, Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control, emphasized that we should act as though it is active within our own community.

Shah cautioned that the depth and breadth of the coronavirus outbreak is not yet known in Maine and that just because his agency has not confirmed a case in a given county does not mean it has yet to spread there.

[Maine Center for Disease Control](#)

Public Safety

The Town of Bar Harbor is working in conjunction with MDI Hospital, Fire, Police, CDC, and John Lennon, the Bar Harbor Public Health Officer to ensure the safety of the community. This working group is called the Emergency Operations Committee

Municipal Buildings are currently closed to the public.

The Fire Department is doing split shifts between Town Hill and downtown Bar Harbor in order to limit transmission among emergency personnel.

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](#)

Hannaford

The Hannaford is working hard to keep groceries and supplies on the shelves while maintaining a high level of sanitation to protect staff and customers.

Hannaford has dedicated the hour from 6-7 AM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays as a specific shopping time for our elderly (60 plus) and those who are immunocompromised.

They are open 7 days a week from 7am to 9pm for all other patrons.

Store manager Jay Boyce reports that the quietest times at the store are from 10am-2pm and from 4pm-9pm and that other than the high demand items such as toilet tissue, chicken, and sanitizers, there is plenty of food on the shelves.

Hannaford asks that you wash and sanitize your reusable bags in consideration of staff (single-use plastic bags are currently available at no additional charge) and that customers continue to give both other customers and staff plenty of distance.

Over the next few days and weeks there will be many changes at the store including 6 foot marks by the registers and plexiglass to protect checkout personnel.

Hannaford appreciates how considerate customers have been.

Acadia National Park

[See latest alert from ANP](#)

Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce

Includes resource lists for visitors and businesses

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

School Information: Conners Emerson & MDI High School

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

[Latest email update from Principal Haney MDI Highschool](#)

[Latest email update from Conners Emerson School](#)

[Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse](#)

Community Resources

[Mt. 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](#)

[Jackson Laboratory & Ellsworth Public Library Online Discussion 3/31 at 7PM](#)

“From SARS to COVID-19: My Life With Pandemic Response”

Volunteer Opportunities

[MDI Community Helpers](#)

[Island Connections](#)

Government News & Mandates

[Latest From Maine Governor Janet Mills](#)

3/24/20

Governor also urges large essential businesses to limit in-store customers, enhance curbside pick-up and delivery services, and implement physical distancing measures to protect customer and employee health

Under the authority granted to her during a State of Civil Emergency, Governor Janet Mills today [issued an Executive Order \(PDF\)](#) mandating that all non-essential businesses and operations in Maine close their physical locations that are public facing, meaning those that allow customer, vendor or other in-person contact. The Order also closes non-essential business sites that require more than ten workers to convene in a space where physical distancing is not possible. Non-essential businesses and operations may continue activities that do not involve these types of in-person contact and convenings, and should facilitate the maximum number of employees working remotely.

The Order is effective tomorrow, March 25, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. and extends for a period of 14 days through April 8, 2020 at 12:00 a.m.

[CDC Guidelines](#)

[Maine CDC](#)

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