

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 **3/27/20**, 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 & Municipal News

There will be a Town Council meeting on Monday 3/30/2020 at 1 pm

It can be viewed online at townhallstreams.com or by watching cable channel 1303

Click here for the 3/30/2020 Town Council: [Agenda](#)

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 and Police Departments are taking precautions to limit transmission among emergency personnel. **They all take their temperature at the beginning and end of each shift as a precautionary health screening measure.**

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**

As of today 3/27/2020 MDI Hospital has suspended visitation. There are several exceptions, please visit this website to learn more.

[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.

Hannaford now has red 6 foot marks by the registers, plexiglass to protect checkout personnel, and are using small cash boxes so there is no hand to hand contact when exchanging money.

Hannaford appreciates how considerate customers have been and wants to thank customers for their continued goodwill inside the store.

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”

[Paradis True Value](#) is doing curbside pick-up with ordering and payment processing for those who do not wish to enter the store.

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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