

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.

Today in the Maine CDC briefing Dr. Shah repeated, "The only vaccine we have for this disease is social distancing." He also said, "We are in control of how this story goes in our communities. Individually, we can help keep ourselves and our neighbors healthy by practicing social distancing."

Now that we have confirmed cases within our county, it is important, now more than ever, that we go out as little as possible. This is the time to limit exposure to other people as much as possible.

Covid Transmission Update

MDI Hospital confirmed that they have had two (2) positive tests to date.

As of today 4/3/20, Maine CDC has confirmed two (2) cases in Hancock County.

[Maine Center for Disease Control](#)

Public Safety & Municipal News

The next Town Council meeting will be 4/7 at 4:00 PM on townhallstreams.com or live cable channel 1303

Town of Bar Harbor buildings, schools, restrooms, and playgrounds are closed to the public until 4/30.

Police Department: The Town's Police Department is tasked with enforcing the Governor's [Essential Business Mandate](#) to ensure that all non essential businesses are complying with the order to close. Please call the department 288-3391 for more information.

[Bar Harbor Emergency Order on Lodging Suspension and FAQs](#) on lodging suspension and FAQs

Public Works: Due to the pandemic, the leaf pile located at the public works facility is closed to the public. Please hold onto your leaf and yard materials until the facility is open again. Please do not bring leaf and yard materials to the transfer station for disposal as municipal solid waste. Also, in recent weeks, the transfer station has experienced an uptick in trash being left at the transfer station outside of operating hours. All residents are reminded that it is illegal to dump trash or other waste outside of the transfer station. Refer to municipal code section 109-7.

BAR HARBOR SUSPENDS LODGING : At a special Town Council meeting held March 30, the Bar Harbor Town Council voted - in the interest of public safety, and to preserve the success of the town's summer season - to suspend all occupancy of transient accommodations, vacation rentals and campgrounds for non-essential travel effective Wednesday, April 8 through Thursday, April 30, 2020. This suspension is specifically effective within the municipal boundaries of Bar Harbor for the time period noted.

Town Council, Planning Board, and Design Review Board may hold meetings for regular business via video conference.

If you have purchased a vehicle or trailer in a private sale and need a temporary registration, please [click here](#)

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 Center or EOC.

The Fire and Police Departments continue to take precautions to limit transmission among emergency personnel.

MDI Hospital

[Drs. Kuffler and Abreu's letter about the seven steps to staying safe](#)

BAR HARBOR—As of Wednesday, April 1, there have been 344 confirmed cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, reported in Maine. To date, Mount Desert Island Hospital has collected samples for 168 tests. Of these tests, 71 are still pending results, 93 have come back negative, two were untested due to specimen compromise and two have been confirmed positive by the Maine Center for Disease Control.

MDI Hospital's second confirmed positive case to date is a resident of Hancock County who was tested at the hospital's central outpatient access point outside of the Cooper Gilmore Health Center. The patient is now isolated at home in accordance with CDC guidelines. "We are doing everything we can to support the community in preventing the spread of this virus, and we continue to urge community members to follow the guidance of the CDC and to practice social distancing, vigilant hand-washing and respiratory hygiene," said MDI Hospital President/CEO Arthur J. Blank.

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

[MDI Hospital Covid Updates](#)

Hannaford

In an effort to reduce exposure to Covid 19 for all, Hannaford is making changes to in-store practices.

At this time, reusable bags are still allowed however management encourages the use of plastic bags as a method of reducing the risk to staff and customers alike.

Carts will be stored outside and there will be a queuing line that will keep customers 6 feet apart.

No more than 50 people are allowed inside the store at any one time, so please limit the number of shoppers per household.

Hannaford asks that you remain behind the plexiglass while in the check out line, and to honor the 6 foot marks on the floors for personal space.

There are small cash boxes at each register used for exchanging cash and limiting hand to hand contact.

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

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 continue to be 10am-2pm and 4pm-9pm and that he is pleased that many items are back in stock and able to be maintained.

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

The Atlantic Oceanside is providing a **Free Lunch for the students** of families in need, while school provided meals are unavailable lunchinbarharbor.com

<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](#)

Mental Health

[National Alliance on Mental Illness Maine](#)

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

[Crisis Services](#)

Community Resources

[Jon Nicholson and Tony McKim from the The First in Bar Harbor present a explanation of the PPP and EIDBL to help residents and businesses navigate the latest stimulus package](#)

[Jesup Memorial Library](#) educational 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](#)

[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

[Governor Mills Issues Stay Healthy at Home Mandate](#)

March 31, 2020

Also orders a series of additional requirements to protect public health and safety in the face of COVID-19

Governor Janet Mills today issued a series of substantial new mandates to protect public health and safety in the face of COVID-19, including a Stay Healthy at Home directive that requires people living in Maine to stay at home at all times unless for an essential job or an essential personal reason, such as obtaining food, medicine, health care, or other necessary purposes.

[The Small Business Association's](#) section of the CARES Act (which also applies to nonprofits) allocates \$350 billion dollars to keeping workers at small businesses and nonprofits employed amid the economic downturn and the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications for the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis beginning today, Friday, April 3. The funds for these loans will likely be expended very quickly, so time is of the essence if one is planning to apply.

[CDC Guidelines](#)

[Maine CDC](#)

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