

# Town of Bar Harbor: Covid Update

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**Mask. Distance. Wash Hands. Repeat.**

September 17, 2020 / 4 pm / Town Manager's Office

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.

Town Manager Question of the Week:

Q: When will school start up again in person?

A: The current Connors Emerson School plan is to have our students start in-person learning on Monday, September 28th, full day and five days a week. Please know that going back into remote learning after 9/28 or switching to a hybrid schedule is a possibility based upon current data, safety concerns and/or school capacity.

## Covid Transmission Update

- MDI Hospital confirmed that they have had 10 positive tests to date.
  - 5 Hancock County residents
  - 5 (non-residents)
- As of today 9/17/20, Maine CDC has confirmed 53 positive cases in Hancock County.
- The current case rate for the State of Maine is 36.7 per 10k people
- The current case rate for Hancock County is 9.7 per 10k people
- There are zero reported cases in Bar Harbor, currently.

[Maine Center for Disease Control](#)

## Public Safety & Municipal News

- Town Council meets next on 10/6 at 5 PM
  - Can be viewed live at [townhallstreams.com](http://townhallstreams.com) or on Spectrum Cable Channel 1303
- Glen Mary Pool is closed for the season.
- Town of Bar Harbor received 100,000 masks for the Bar Harbor mask program.
- A designated Helicopter landing pad was approved for the NE section of the Municipal Ball Fields. The landing pad will be paid for by LifeFlight.
- Painted sidewalk "social distancing" messaging is currently being placed in various high traffic areas in the downtown.

## 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

- **CES**
  - School will be remote through September 25th.
  - Families of children who attend school at Conners-Emerson School in Bar Harbor are eligible for free bulk pick-up of lunches on Wednesdays, between 11:30 and 12:30 through September 25th, the period of remote learning.
  - The federal government has issued a waiver until December 31, 2020 allowing all schools to serve any child 0-18 years of age for free.
  - The school needs you to fill in the [food survey](#) so they will be able to offer you a weekly bulk box of food during remote learning. Once in person learning resumes, those students attending school will receive breakfast and lunch at school. Those families opting for virtual only will be able to continue with the weekly bulk box of food.
- **School Emails and Websites**
  - <http://www.mdirss.org/>
  - [Latest email update from Principal Haney and MDI High School](#) 9/8 First Day of School Schedule
  - [MDI High School: Extra Curricular Physicals & Insurance Information](#)
  - [Latest email update from Conners Emerson School](#) 9/15 Transportation Info
  - [Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse](#) 9/15 link to latest update on schools and transportation

## Government News & Mandates

[Governor Mills: Latest Updates](#) :

- [Governor Mills Signs Curtailment Order to Maintain Budget Stability Amid COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [With Deadline Approaching, Governor Mills Encourages Maine Small Businesses to Apply for Economic Recovery Grant Program](#)

- [MPA, MSBA, MSSA & Mills Administration Statements on Fall Sports in Maine As State Monitors Outbreaks and Schools Resume for Fall, Governor Mills Extends State of Civil Emergency](#)

**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](mailto:alf@barharborinfo.com)

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

## Community Resources

- [Healthy Acadia Newsletter 9/15](#)
- [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
- [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

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## 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](mailto:nina@barharbormaine.gov)**