

Town of Bar Harbor: Covid Update

Have a safe Thanksgiving!

Mask. Distance. Wash Hands. Repeat.

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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: Why does the hospital post positive case results several days after the positive test?

A: *We don't receive confirmation of positive results until several days after a test is performed. As cases fluctuate, so do turnaround times for results. As such, it can take longer for us to receive test results during a week when national or state testing volumes are high. We do send samples to several different laboratories to ensure that we can receive results as fast as possible, but this doesn't guarantee that results don't get slowed down.*

Once we are notified of positive results, we post them to our website. Occasionally, there may be a short delay in this process, for example, if a patient can't be reached for notification, we may wait to post, or if a result comes back on a weekend, it may not be posted until Monday.

We recently did a survey of hospital websites in Maine and found that we were the only one publicly posting our results. We made the decision in an effort to be as transparent as possible with our community. -Oka Hutchins, spokesperson, Mount Desert Island Hospital.

Covid Transmission Update

- MDI Hospital confirmed that they have had 32 positive tests to date.
 - 26 Hancock County residents
 - 6 (non-residents)
- As of today 11/25/20, Maine CDC has confirmed 223 positive cases in Hancock County.
 - This is an increase of 31 cases since 11/19, which is lower than the previous week which was 55 cases between 11/12 and 11/19.

- [The current case rate for the State of Maine is 82.4 per 10k people](#)
- [The current case rate for Hancock County is 40.7 per 10k people](#)

[Maine Center for Disease Control](#)

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**

Public Safety & Municipal News

- [The Town Office will be closed Thursday and Friday 11/26 and 11/27](#)
- [The next Town Council meeting will be held on 12/1 at 5pm and can be viewed on Cable Channel 7 or 1303 and streamed on \[Townhallstreams.com\]\(#\)](#)
- [Walgreens pharmacy in Ellsworth is offering free drive-through rapid COVID-19 antigen testing to people experiencing symptoms of the virus.](#)
- [EMS and Hospital are starting groundwork is preparing for vaccine dissemination to first responders](#)

School Information: Conners Emerson & MDI High School

- [School Emails and Websites](#)
 - <http://www.mdirss.org/>
 - [Asymptomatic Testing for MDIRSS -Link to BDN Article](#)
- [Latest email update from Principal Haney and MDI High School : Chalk Talk Update 11/23](#)
- [Latest email update from Conners Emerson School](#)
- [CES TIGER TALK: 11/25/20](#)
- [Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse : K-8 Schedule change](#)

Government News & Mandates

[Governor Mills: Latest Updates](#) :

- [Mills Administration Invests \\$536,000 in Coronavirus Relief Funds for Meals on Wheels](#)
- [Governor Mills Continues State of Civil Emergency as Maine Fights COVID-19](#)
- [Governor's economic committee urges action on additional stimulus, bold strategies for recovery from COVID-19](#)
- [Ahead of Holiday Season, Mills Administration Announces Massachusetts No Longer Exempt from Quarantine or Negative Test Requirement](#)

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Other Government Resources:

- [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

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

Community Resources

- [Healthy Acadia Newsletter 11/17](#)

Acadia National Park

- [See latest alert from ANP](#) : Current Conditions

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