

Town of Bar Harbor: Covid Update

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 is the bridge near the Transfer Station being replaced?

A: MaineDOT recently performed an inspection of Cromwell Bridge 3, located over Cromwell Brook on Great Meadow Drive in Bar Harbor, and determined that this Maine DOT bridge no longer performs as designed and needs to be replaced. Due to its current condition and its critical role in the Bar Harbor community, Maine DOT is moving forward to construct a temporary one-lane bridge over the existing bridge. The temporary bridge will be placed on the same alignment as the existing bridge. After the temporary bridge is erected, it will allow continued access to the Transfer Station and Acadia National Park via Great Meadow Drive for the next several years while Maine DOT obtains funding and develops plans for a new bridge. Working with local residents, Acadia National Park and the Town, Maine DOT prepared a traffic detour plan that will allow the Town to provide uninterrupted service to the Transfer Station while the temporary bridge is under construction. The detour is expected to begin December 7th and finish before Christmas. Traffic will be detoured around the closure on Great Meadow Drive by utilizing Strawberry Hill Road, Shortcake Way, and White Spruce Road. The sidewalk along Great Meadow Drive will also be closed during this time.

Covid Transmission Update

- **An employee of the Town of Bar Harbor has tested positive for Covid-19. No other employees were exposed. The employee is recovering at home.**
- **Mt. Desert Island High School confirmed early Wednesday that an individual associated with the High School has tested positive for the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Designated staff initiated our response which included communication with Mt. Desert**

Island Hospital and the Maine CDC and following the Maine CDC Standard Operating Procedure for investigation of COVID-19 in PK-12 Schools.

The individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 will remain in isolation and quarantine as consistent with CDC guidelines. 7 staff members and 30 students were identified as close contacts. All of these contacts are either high school students or staff and have been notified and will follow quarantine protocols.

At this time we have the capacity to continue with hybrid in-person learning and as such plan to continue on Thursday with our typical schedule. We have followed all CDC and Department of Education protocols and are fully confident that school can continue safely.

- MDI Hospital confirmed 32 positive tests to date.
 - 26 Hancock County residents
 - 6 (non-residents)
- As of today 12/03/20, Maine CDC has confirmed 287 positive cases in Hancock County.
 - This is an increase of 64 cases since 11/25
 - The current case rate for the State of Maine is 93.8 per 10k people
- The current case rate for Hancock County is 52.4 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 bridge used to access the Municipal Transfer Station will be replaced by a temporary bridge beginning 12/7.
- The next Town Council meeting will be held on 12/15 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/>
- [Latest email update from Principal Haney and MDI High School : Corona positive at MDIHS](#)
 - [Chalk Talk Update 11/30](#)
- [Latest email update from Conners Emerson School](#)
 - [CES TIGER TALK](#)
- [Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse](#)

Government News & Mandates

Governor Mills: Latest Updates :

- [Governor Mills Quarantining After Likely Exposure to COVID-19](#)
- [Governor Mills Marks 32nd Annual World AIDS Day](#)
- [Governor Mills Welcomes Plan to Combat Climate Change; Announces Actions to Protect Maine People & Communities, Spur Economic Growth](#)
- [Mills Administration Announces New Grants for Maine Health Care Organizations](#)
- [Governor Mills Launches \\$40 Million Economic Recovery Grant Program to Support Maine Tourism, Hospitality & Retail Small Businesses](#)

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 : 12/1](#)

Acadia National Park

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

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