

Town of Bar Harbor: Covid Update

Mask. Distance. Wash Hands. Repeat.

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Town Manager Topic of the Week:

COVID-19 Vaccine Public Service Announcement

Mount Desert Island Hospital administered its first vaccinations for COVID-19 to frontline healthcare staff in late December. Since then, it has received a limited supply of doses designated for frontline and community healthcare workers and older adults living in congregate care facilities.

Governor Janet Mills announced today, January 13, updates to Maine's vaccine distribution strategy that prioritizes older residents, those with underlying conditions, emergency service personnel and others critical to Maine's COVID-19 response. Under the new guidelines, Maine's limited vaccine supply will be prioritized for those 70 and older, additional emergency service personnel such as police and firefighters; and those critical to Maine's COVID-19 response. The updated strategy also focuses on adults of all ages with underlying medical conditions that place them at greater risk of serious illness or death from COVID-19.

Current recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention include two phases. Phase 1 includes three tiers, 1a, 1b and 1c. Phase 2 includes community vaccination. The State of Maine has set vaccination priorities in accordance with this guidance as well as sub-tiering instructions for hospitals and health care facilities.

Current priorities in Maine Phase 1a include healthcare workers, EMS and residents of long-term care facilities. Phase 1b includes people age 70 and older and frontline essential workers. Phase 1c includes people ages 65-70, people of all ages with high-risk medical conditions, and other essential workers. Phase 2 includes all people ages 16 and older who are not in Phase 1, with the vaccine starting to become available to the general public. This approach is subject to change as Maine updates vaccination priorities and strategy in accordance with federal guidelines.

MDI Hospital is continually monitoring state and federal vaccine planning guidelines and availability to ensure that our community can be vaccinated as quickly and efficiently as possible when supply becomes available. Our ability to vaccinate our community is currently contingent on the supply we are allocated each week. Due to the limited supply of vaccines, MDI

Hospital does not currently have a guaranteed weekly allocation of doses. MDI Hospital will be notified by the state when supply will be available to begin the updated prioritization strategy and will continue to update our community as new information is received. The Governor has said that additional information on vaccination for people age 70 and older in Maine will be available the week of January 18 and asked older Mainers to wait to contact their health care providers about getting vaccinated.

When supply becomes consistently available, vaccines will be available through our primary care clinics based on state guidance. We thank you for your patience during these dynamic times. If you would like more information, MDI Hospital has set up an email address for vaccine-related questions, covidvaccine@mdihospital.org.

Covid Transmission Update

- MDI Hospital confirmed 62 positive tests to date, with the most recent positive on 1/13/21
 - 55 Hancock County Residents
 - 7 Other (non-residents)
- As of today 1/14/21, Maine CDC has confirmed 659 positive cases in Hancock County
 - 1/7/21 - 608 positive cases
 - 12/31 - 550 positive cases
 - 12/24 - 497 positive cases
 - 12/17 - 455 positive cases
 - 12/10 - 344 positive cases
 - 12/3 - 298 positive cases
 - 11/26 - 235 positive cases
- The current case rate for Hancock County is 120.2 per 10k people
- The current case rate for the State of Maine is 238.8 per 10k people

[Maine Center for Disease Control](#)

While Maine has had an increase in Covid cases, the rates in Maine are still among the lowest in the whole country.

As states throughout the U.S. lift stay-at-home orders, reopen businesses, and relax social distancing measures, this graph shows whether cases of COVID-19 are increasing, decreasing, or remaining constant within each state. ([Click to see graph](#))

For additional perspective, John Hopkins University has a great map that indicates rates and prevalence of Covid 19 in the US and the World. ([Click to see the map](#))

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 next Town Council meeting will be held on 1/19 at 5pm and can be viewed on Spectrum Cable channels 7 and 1303 and also live streamed on Townhallstreams.com
- Council Budget Workshops are [21st](#), [26th](#), [28th](#) at 5pm on Zoom
- Glen Mary Wading Pool is open to skaters. Lighting, which will be on a timer, is in process of being restored to the building itself.

School Information: Conners Emerson & MDI High School

- School Emails and Websites
 - <http://www.mdirss.org/>
- MDIHS [Chalk Talk](#)
- [Latest email update from Principal Haney and MDI High School -Semester 2 Learning Format Survey](#)
- CES [TIGER TALK 1/13](#)
- [Latest email update from Conners Emerson School](#)
- [Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse - Return to School](#)

Government News & Mandates

[Governor Mills: Latest Updates](#) :

- [Governor Mills Updates Maine's Vaccine Strategy to Focus on Protecting Those Most Vulnerable to COVID-19](#)
- [Governor Mills' Statement on U.S. Health and Human Services' New COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations](#)
- [Mills Administration Statements on 2020 Third Quarter Drug Overdose Report](#)
- [WHAT THEY ARE SAYING: Maine Leaders Praise Governor Mills Balanced Budget Proposals for Supporting Maine People During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Governor Mills Presents Balanced Budget to Strengthen COVID-19 Response, Cover Projected Revenue Shortfalls & Increase Rainy Day Fund to Record High Savings](#)

Other Government Resources:

- [CDC Guidelines](#)
- [Maine CDC](#)
- [Maine DECD Website](#)

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](#) : 1/13

Acadia National Park

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

For more information or to add to this resource page, please email: nina@barharbormaine.gov