

# Town of Bar Harbor: Covid Update

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

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## Town Manager Question of the Week:

**Q. Is there a budget for pandemic expenses in the proposed FY 22 municipal budget?**

**A. Yes, there is \$36,400 proposed in the Emergency Management Budget to cover expenses for cleaning supplies, testing, PPE, etc. if needed.**

**The town received \$159,383 for pandemic expenses last year from the State of Maine under the Keep ME Healthy Grant. It is not known yet whether there will be additional grant funding from the State for this tourist season.**

**Also, it is likely that the Town Meeting on June 1st will be a drive-in meeting at the MDI High School parking lot.**

## Covid Transmission Update

- **MDI Hospital confirmed 71 positive tests to date**
  - **63 Hancock County Residents**
  - **8 Other (non-residents)**
- **As of today 2/18/20 Maine CDC has confirmed 866 positive cases to date in Hancock County.**
  - **2/11/20 - 835 positive cases**
  - **2/4/21 - 807 positive cases**
  - **1/28/21 - 766 positive cases**
  - **12/31 - 550 positive cases**
  - **11/26 - 235 positive cases**
- **The current case rate for Hancock County is 158 per 10k people**
- **The current case rate for the State of Maine is 322 per 10k people**

[Maine Center for Disease Control](#)

- **The Maine CDC has a detailed explanation of who will get vaccines and when, [click here](#) for a detailed explanation.**

- <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/dashboard> details the dissemination of the Covid 19 vaccine in Maine.

## 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**

2/17 **MDI Hospital COVID-19 Vaccination Update** : There have been 2,278 cumulative doses administered: 1,563 first doses and 715 second doses.

MDI Hospital is now accepting pre-registration for all community members who qualify to receive the COVID-19 vaccination in the State of Maine on our website:

<https://www.mdihospital.org/covid-19-vaccine/>

## Public Safety & Municipal News

- The next **Town Council** meeting will be held on March, 2 at 5pm and can be viewed on Spectrum Cable channels 7 and 1303 and also live streamed on [Townhallstreams.com](http://Townhallstreams.com)

## School Information: Connors 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**
- **CES TIGER TALK**
- **Latest email update from Connors Emerson School**
- **Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse** : Travel Recommendations

## Government News & Mandates

**Governor Mills: Latest Updates** :

- **Mills Administration Commends Enhanced Reporting of Drug Overdose Data**
- **Governor Mills to Deliver Virtual State of the Budget Address**
- **Governor Mills Continues State of Civil Emergency as Maine Fights COVID-19**

- [Governor Mills Applauds LP Building Solutions \\$150 Million Investment in Houlton Facility](#)
- [Governor Mills Honors Maine Sportsman George Smith](#)
- [Governor Mills Receives Second and Final Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Mills Administration Creates Free Fishing License Week, Encourages Maine People to Enjoy the Outdoors](#)
  - Governor Janet Mills has signed an Executive Order to create a “Free Fishing License Week” from Saturday, February 13 – Sunday February 21 when people [who register](#) may fish for free without a license on Maine’s waterways. Since the pandemic began, Governor Mills and Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Commissioner Judy Camuso have strongly encouraged Maine people to enjoy the outdoors.

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

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

## Community Resources

- [Healthy Acadia Newsletter](#) : 2/9