

Town of Bar Harbor: Covid Update

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Memorial Day:

"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself." – Joseph Campbell

In accordance with directives from the President, Governor Janet Mills today ordered that the United States and State of Maine flags be flown at half-staff immediately until sunset on Sunday, May 24th in solemn remembrance of the victims of the coronavirus pandemic. Governor Mills also ordered that the United States and State of Maine flags be flown at half-staff this Monday, May 25, 2020 until noon in honor of Memorial Day.

The Town of Bar Harbor expects residents and visitors alike to abide by CDC and State recommendations for mask wearing, social distancing, quarantine, isolation, and handwashing. Abiding by these recommendations will help protect our island community.

- Due to rapidly changing rules about face masks and social distancing combined with seeing new faces in town, The Town of Bar Harbor encourages residents to take responsibility for themselves by stepping away from those who may be too close or not abiding by the most recent rules. Not all have seen the latest CDC updates.
- Retail stores are permitted to be open to the public.
- Restaurants are permitted to seat customers inside.
- Governor Mills says reservations may be accepted for occupancy starting June 1 for Maine residents and non-residents who comply with the state's 14-day quarantine requirement. [Click here](#) to read the full press release from Governor Mills.

The Governor's order requires Maine people to wear cloth face coverings in public places where physical distancing is difficult to maintain, as recommended by the US CDC. The order identifies public settings as:

- Indoor spaces that are accessible to the public such as grocery stores, retail stores, pharmacies and healthcare facilities
- Outdoor spaces such as playgrounds, busy parking lots, and other areas such as lines for take-out service where the public typically gathers in a smaller area
- Public transportation such as a taxi, Uber, Lyft, ride-sharing or similar service
- Ferry, bus, or train
- Any semi-enclosed transit stop or waiting area

- Under the order, cloth face coverings are not required for children under age 2, a child in a child care setting, or for anyone who has trouble breathing or related medical conditions, or who is otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

Maine Requires all visitors and returning residents to quarantine for 14 days.

[What does quarantine mean? Please click this link to see the answer to this question and many Maine FAQ's](#)

Covid Transmission Update

- MDI Hospital confirmed that they have had five (5) positive tests to date.
- As of today 5/22/20, Maine CDC has confirmed eleven (11) positive cases in Hancock County.
- There is one (1) positive case at Birch Bay Village in Bar Harbor.
 - [Click Here for Birch Bay Press Release](#)

[Maine Center for Disease Control](#)

Public Safety & Municipal News

- The next Town Council meeting will be June 2, 2020, 4:00 PM. Streaming live on Spectrum Channel 1303 or on [Townhallstreams.com](#)
- Comfort Stations (bathrooms) on Newport Drive and at the Town Pier are now open.
- Municipal Offices are now open to the public. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing to reduce exposure and risk to staff.
- The Municipal Offices will be closed for Memorial Day on 5/25.
- Parking meters are being installed and will go live on June 1st.
- Transfer Station Permit Stickers - New residents or residents with new vehicles may obtain a new permit sticker at both the Transfer Station and the Town's Finance Office during normal business hours.
- Compost - Compost is currently available at the Public Works facility in Hulls Cove from 8:00 am to 2:45 pm, Monday - Friday.
- Metal Pile - Metal pile is now open for metal drop-off at the Public Works facility in Hulls Cove from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday - Friday.
- Town staff will present proposed changes to vacation rentals (regulatory approaches) at a public information session on Wednesday, May 27 at 6 pm.
- There will be a Public Zoom Forum on 5/28 at 5 pm to discuss Covid 19 as it relates to Bar Harbor.
- THE FINANCE OFFICE IS OPEN M-F 8:30 AM TO 5:00 PM

- To make your transaction as efficient as possible here is a list of things you need to be prepared. PLEASE NOTE: THE FINANCE OFFICE IS LIMITED TO TWO PEOPLE AT A TIME.
- If you are making a payment and you do not need a receipt, you may leave your payments in the secured hallway drop box. Please do not leave cash.
- DOCUMENTS AND COMPLETED PAPERWORK NEEDED FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS:
- 1. For re-registrations:
 - Last year's registration
 - CURRENT proof of insurance on the vehicle you intend to register.
 - Current mileage
- 2. For new registrations purchased from a MAINE dealer
 - Blue title application
 - Bill of sale showing proof of sales tax paid at the dealer.
 - CURRENT proof of insurance on the vehicle you intend to register.
 - If the vehicle is a lease, you also need to provide the lease agreement.
 - **NOTE: The owner must be present to do the first time registration.
- 3. For new registrations purchased from a private seller.
 - Original title signed over to you by the original owner(s).
 - Detailed bill of sale including the vehicle information, purchase price, signature of seller.
 - CURRENT proof of insurance on the vehicle you intend to register.
 - COMPLETED MVT-2 Application for Certificate of Title. (This document is in the hallway for you to fill out ahead of time.)
 - COMPLETED Use Tax Certificate. (This document is in the hallway for you to fill out ahead of time.)
 - **NOTE: The purchaser(s) must be present to do the first time registration.
- 4. For new registrations that were registered previously in your name in another state:
 - Original out of state title in your name(s).
 - The out of state registration in your name(s).
 - CURRENT proof of insurance on the vehicle you intend to register.
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- Town of Bar Harbor Town Meeting has been rescheduled for June 30th, and the Election will be held on July 14th.
- BURN PERMITS: Burn permits are not being written by BHFD at this time but residents can get a permit online at <https://www13.informe.org/burnpermit/public/index.html>. If unable to obtain a permit online, it is because the fire department is not allowing burning for the day.

- [CDC Announces Modifications and Extension of No Sail Order for All Cruise Ships](#)
- Police Department: The Town's Police Department is tasked with enforcing the Governor's [Essential Business Mandate](#) to ensure that all non essential businesses are complying with the order to close. Please call the department 288-3391 for more information.

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. The Island Explorer is a propane-powered, fare-free transit system that serves Acadia National Park and the surrounding communities. In 2019, the bus system carried more than 648,000 passengers. Service would normally begin June 23rd on Mount Desert Island and Memorial Day weekend on the Schoodic Peninsula, and run through Columbus Day.

MDI Hospital

[16 Ways to Help Reduce Covid Anxiety](#)

[Nutrition during Covid 19](#)

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**

MDI Hospital has suspended visitation. There are several exceptions, please visit this website to learn more.

[MDI Hospital Covid Updates](#)

Hannaford, Paradis True Value, A&B Naturals

[Hannaford](#)

“As always, a big thank you to all of our customers for their understanding through many changes in how we operate in today’s environment!” - Jay Boyce, Manager

Deli and seafood service cases are now available. They ask customers to be patient as they pilot a system that supports social distancing. Customers should not expect to see our full variety immediately, but it will improve over the coming weeks.

Deli hours are 7am to 7pm.

Seafood hours are 10am to 7pm.

Store hours are now 7am - 9pm daily.

Curbside Pickup is now available for prescriptions, please call the pharmacy for details ([207-288-0421](tel:207-288-0421))

Senior hours are now 7 am- 8 am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

There may be daily limits per customer on the following items:

BUTTER - BABY WIPES - NAPKINS - PAPER TOWELS - HOUSEHOLD CLEANING SUPPLIES - HAND SANITIZER - EGGS - VITAMINS - COUGH & COLD MEDICINE - DISINFECTING SPRAY ALOE - RUBBING ALCOHOL - LIQUID HAND SOAP - FACE MASKS - TOILET PAPER - FLOUR FACIAL TISSUE - PAIN RELIEVERS

[To those who are looking for work: Hannaford is currently hiring.](#)

[Paradis True Value:](#)

Paradis is doing curbside pick-up with ordering and payment processing for those who do not wish to enter the store.

Paradis has masks and plexiglass in stock, which can be cut to order.

Paradis Outdoors just received a large shipment of outdoor plants

When shipments of supplies come in they post to their [facebook page](#) to notify customers of new inventory. 207-288-4995

Paradis True Value is now hiring, please send inquiries to bethp@paradistruevalue.com.

[A&B Naturals:](#)

A & B Naturals is doing curbside pickup, walk up window purchases, and online orders.

All are welcome at A&B with a mask and social distancing.

5 customers are allowed in the store at a time.

To place orders: call 207-288-8480 /email aandb.order@gmail.com/ or on the website www.aandbnaturals.com

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

Includes resource lists for visitors and businesses

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

School Information: Connors Emerson & MDI High School

SCHOOL LUNCH :

MDI High School

GRADUATION: Sunday, June 7th at 2:00 pm

- **MDI High School will host its Graduation Ceremony in the gym parking lot at the High School followed by a parade through the communities in which our graduates live. Parade plans to come.**

[MDIHS Food Program Option](#)



Any MDI High School student who resides in the town of Bar Harbor, Mount Desert, Tremont, Trenton or Southwest Harbor will have the opportunity to pick up a bag breakfast/lunch. Each bag can be picked up at your town's elementary school (Town of BH @ Connors Emerson, Town of Mount Desert @ MDES, Town of Tremont @ Tremont Elementary Town of Trenton @ Trenton Elementary and Town of SWH @ Pemetic). These meals are available free to any MDIHS student regardless of your lunch status. Students in Hancock or Lamoine --please contact your elementary school for meal options.

→ Complete this [survey](#) by Thursday each week to reserve meals for the following week.

Connors-Emerson School

This is for students living in Bar Harbor and the surrounding villages. Food will be picked up Monday and Thursday 11:30 to 12:30 in front of the Emerson Library

<http://www.mdirss.org/>

[Latest email update from Principal Haney MDI High School](#) - Graduation Plans

[Latest email update from Connors Emerson School](#) - Havana has changed food schedule

[Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse](#) - Summer and Fall Planning

Mental Health

[National Alliance on Mental Illness Maine](#)

[Maine DHHS - Hotlines/Crisis Numbers](#)

[Crisis Services](#)

Acadia National Park

[See latest alert from ANP](#) : Delay of Opening

Land & Garden Preserve

Little Long Pond and all the Preserve's natural lands remain open. Visitors to the Preserve are encouraged to follow disinfecting and distancing protocols.

Beginning the week of April 20, 2020 the Natural Lands team will begin an erosion control project along the southeastern side of Little Long Pond. The lower carriage road leading to the Boathouse will be seeded and closed to visitors for the next six weeks. Please do not go beyond any fencing and signage to allow new grass the necessary time for proper germination.

The gardens remain closed and locked, and will reopen when it is safe to do so.

More info on our website: <https://www.gardenpreserve.org/>

Community Resources

[Healthy Acadia Newsletter 5/18/20](#)

[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), as well as once a week curbside pick up. They are donation based and the food is healthy and tasty.

[Jesup Memorial Library](#) educational resources

[Mount Desert 365 Resource Spreadsheet](#) is a resource list for all of MDI

[Project Open: A community spreadsheet letting residents and visitors know what island businesses are open](#)

[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](#)

Government News & Mandates

Governor Mills: Latest Updates :

- [Governor Mills Announces New Major Federal Funding Will Be Used To Expand Lab and Testing Capacity Across Maine](#)
- [Mills Announces Changes to Opening Plans, RV Parks and Campgrounds](#)
- [Mills Announces Expanded Testing Capability](#)
- [Mills Administration Allows Lodging Reservations For Future Stays, 5/15/20](#)
- [Governor Mills Press Release, 5/8/2020](#)
- [Retail Business Guidelines, 5/8/2020](#)
- [General Guidance Document that applies to all businesses](#)
- [Governor Mills's Restarting Maine Plan](#)

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

[Maine Tourism Relief Fund](#) : Apply For Assistance beginning May 5

[Representative Brian Hubbell's latest newsletter and resource list](#) : 5/21/20 Newsletter

[The Small Business Association](#) Link to loan and grant forms: EIDL & PPP

[CDC Guidelines](#)

[Maine CDC](#)

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