

Town of Bar Harbor: Covid Update

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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.

Today, at 2pm, Governor Mills announced some alternatives to quarantine for Maine:

- Residents of New Hampshire and Vermont may come to Maine without quarantining effective June 12th.
- Beginning July 1st, Maine can welcome all visitors who provide a recent (within 72 hours) negative covid test.
 - [Read the whole Keep Maine Healthy press release here.](#)

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 6/8/20, Maine CDC has confirmed twelve (12) positive cases in Hancock County.
- There have been zero (0) positive tests in Bar Harbor
- One (1) positive case: an employee 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 16, 2020, 4:00 PM. Streaming live on Spectrum Channel 1303 or on [Townhallstreams.com](#)
- Council Actions from the June 2, 2020 meeting.
 - To allow the Parklet program to begin 6/3 for intown businesses. **Application for Parklet Program has been extended through 6/17**
 - [Click here for link to the Curbside Temporary Outdoor Permit Application](#)
 - To write a letter to Governor Mills urging her to:
 - Lift the 14 day quarantine
 - Restrict lodging with interior corridors to 50% capacity which should expire at the end of Phase 2; There should be no capacity restriction for hotels without interior corridors.
 - Consider implementing the plan that the Downeast Covid 19 task force is drafting which consists of surveillance testing of employees and community members, an education campaign about mask wearing and social distancing, and adherence to CDC checklist protocols.
 - To allow additional “temporary pandemic signage”
 - Call Code Enforcement for more information 288-3329
 - To allow retail stores to exhibit merchandise outside their doors but not to encroach on sidewalks or the entry/exit.
 - Contact Fire Chief for more information 288-5554
- All Comfort Stations (bathrooms) except the ones at Village Green are open.
- All in-town benches & bollards are installed for the season.
- The Park Street and Town Hill Playgrounds are now open to the public.
- Municipal Offices are now open to the public. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing to reduce exposure and risk to staff.
- 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.
- 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.

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](#)

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: Conners Emerson & MDI High School

Summer Food Program: The State of Maine is offering financial support for those families impacted by the pandemic. If your child(ren) qualified for free or reduced lunch during the time they were in school (August-March), you should qualify for the Pandemic EBT (electronic banking) card. The Pandemic EBT offers \$5.04 per student in the household per day.

Call 1-855-797-4357 and speak with an eligibility specialist, who will assist you in getting your card. (No more forms to fill out) You may also want to check to see if you qualify for SNAP or TANDF benefits.

Note: All information is confidential.

[USDA Pandemic EBT program](#)

School Emails and Websites

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

[Latest email update from Principal Haney MDI High School](#) - Retrieve and Return

[Latest email update from Conners Emerson School](#) - Summer Food program

[Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse](#) - Statement on Combating Racism

Mental Health

[National Alliance on Mental Illness Maine](#)

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

[Crisis Services](#)

Acadia National Park

[See latest alert from ANP](#) : Carriage Roads Open to Hikers and Walkers

Land & Garden Preserve

The Asticou Azalea Garden is now open each Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until at least early August.

Thuya Garden and the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden remain closed for the time being. Notifications of opening schedules will be published as they are finalized.

Little Long Pond, Asticou Landing, Terraces and Lookouts are open daily from dawn to dusk.

[Land & Garden Preserve.](#)

Community Resources

- [Healthy Acadia Newsletter June 1, 2020](#)
- [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](#) :

- [Mills Administration Unveils Keep Maine Healthy Plan](#) 6/8
- [Administration Announces Vast Expansion of Covid 19 Testing](#) 6/8
- [In Light of Data Trends, Mills Administration Accelerates Business Openings in Rural Counties | Office of Governor Janet T. Mills](#) 6/4
- [Governor Mills Issues Executive Order Allowing for Easing of Restrictions As Restarting Maine Plan Progresses](#) 5/29
- [Mills Administration Announces Update to Restarting Maine's Economy Plan](#)
- [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](#)

[Pandemic Unemployment Assistance](#)

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

[Representative Brian Hubbell's latest newsletter : Listening and Learning](#) 6/8

[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