

# 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.

**Governor Mills announced some alternatives to quarantine for Maine:**

- Residents of New Hampshire and Vermont may come to Maine without quarantine effective June 12th.
- Beginning June 26th, Maine can welcome all visitors who provide a recent negative covid test, in place of the 14 day quarantine.

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.

Maine currently requires all visitors and returning residents to quarantine for 14 days through June 26th.

[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 6/22/20, Maine CDC has confirmed fifteen (15) positive cases in Hancock County.
- There have been zero (0) positive tests in Bar Harbor.

[Maine Center for Disease Control](#)

## Public Safety & Municipal News

- [Maine Police Issue Statement "Law Enforcement in Maine 2020"](#)
- Bar Harbor "Drive-in" Open Town Meeting will be held June 30th, 7pm at the MDI High School parking lot.
  - Please arrive early as parking and voter verification will likely take longer than usual. [Click here for more information.](#)
- Election will be held on July 14th.
- To Request an Absentee Ballot:
  - [Absentee Ballot Electronic Request Site](#)

- [Mail-in Absentee Ballot Request Form](#)
- The voter may call the Clerk's office at 207-288-4098 to request a ballot
- Joint Forum with Town of Mount Desert “*How We Police in Mount Desert and Bar Harbor*”
  - Discussion of Policy, Training, Use of Force, and Community Programs
  - On Zoom, July 7th from 6-7:30pm
- Community Covid 19 Forum : “*Updates from Local Decision Makers*”
  - On Zoom, July 28th from 6-7:30pm
- The Tennis courts at the ballfield are closed for restoration.
- The Hulls Cove leaf pile/compost is open on Saturday from 8am to noon.

## 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

**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 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](mailto: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

**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 and MDI High School - Can check out books from MDIHS Library throughout the summer](#)

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

[Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse](#) - Safe Return to School Advisory Group

## Mental Health

[National Alliance on Mental Illness Maine](#)

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

[Crisis Services](#)

## Acadia National Park

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

- Carriage roads are now open to bikes

## 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 6/15](#)

- [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 :

- [To Protect Public Health, Mills Administration Postpones Reopening of Indoor Bar Service Across Maine 6/22](#)
- [Governor Mills urges USDA to add maple syrup to the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 6/22](#)
- [Governor Mills Statement on Juneteenth 6/19](#)
- [Mills Administration Releases Guidance for Town Meetings and Elections 6/16](#)
- [Mills Administration Announces That Indoor Dining in Androscoggin, Cumberland & York Counties Can Resume on June 17 With Added Health and Safety Precautions 6/15](#)
- [Governor Mills Statement on Hospitality and Tourism Industry Economic Recovery Plan 6/12](#)
- [Mills Administration Accelerates Start Date for Lodging Establishments to Serve Out-of-State Visitors 6/12](#)
- [Representative Brian Hubbell's latest newsletter: Leading the way 6/12](#)
- [Pandemic Unemployment Assistance](#)
- [Maine Tourism Relief Fund](#) : Apply For Assistance beginning May 5
- [The Small Business Association](#) Link to loan and grant forms: EIDL & PPP
- [CDC Guidelines](#)
- [Maine CDC](#)

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