

Town of Bar Harbor: Covid Update

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PLEASE WEAR A MASK

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.

Maine can welcome all visitors from VT, NH, NJ, NY, CT without test or quarantine, and all others who provide a recent negative covid test or who quarantine for 14 days.

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

Below is the detailed wording of the Governor's order:

This Order strengthens Executive Orders 49 and 55 FY 19/20 by providing the following:

- "Cloth face coverings" or "face coverings" shall be construed to include disposable face coverings of similar quality as well as face shields, provided that such face shield extends below the chin and covers the ears.
- Retail stores with over 50,000 square feet of shopping space (as defined in Executive Order 28-A-2 FY 19/20), eating establishments, bars, tasting rooms, and lodging operations and accommodations (as defined in Executive Order 57 FY19/20) located in the Counties of Cumberland, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo and York, or in the Municipalities of Auburn, Augusta, Bangor, Brewer, and Lewiston shall implement measures requiring customers to wear face coverings. Such measures may, for example, include denial of entry or service. The establishment's responsibility under this section is in addition to compliance with all applicable Executive Orders, State of Maine guidance and the Restarting Maine's Economy COVID-19 Prevention Checklists, including the use of signage stating that face coverings are required.

II. ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT

- This Order may also be enforced by any governmental department or official that regulates licenses, permits or otherwise authorizes the operation or occupancy of eating establishments, bars or tasting rooms, lodging operations and accommodations, businesses, buildings, parks and campgrounds. Municipalities are

authorized to enforce the use of face coverings on streets and sidewalks, in parks and other public spaces where individuals are gathering and not able to maintain at least six feet of physical distance from one another, and to enforce the gathering limits. A violation of this Order may be construed to be a violation of any such license, permit and other authorization to which pertinent penalties may be assessed. Pursuant to 37-B M.R.S.A. section 786, this Order may also be enforced by law enforcement as necessary.

Covid Transmission Update

- MDI Hospital confirmed that they have had five (5) positive tests to date.
- As of today 7/15/20, Maine CDC has confirmed eighteen (18) positive cases in Hancock County.
- There have been zero (0) positive tests in Bar Harbor.

[Maine Center for Disease Control](#)

Public Safety & Municipal News

- [Bar Harbor Election Results](#)
- 6 FREE MASK boxes have been installed in downtown Bar Harbor. They are located in the following areas:
 - Agamont Park, near comfort station by pergola
 - Village Green, near comfort station
 - 2 Cottage Street
 - Barker Park
 - Municipal Building
 - Near the First on Main Street
- Council Actions 7/7/20
 - There will be no cruise ships for the 2020 season
 - Tabled a possible "Mask Ordinance" until 7/21 to see how current mask distribution and PSA campaign efforts are working
- Next Community Covid 19 Forum : *"Updates from Local Decision Makers"*
 - On Zoom, July 28th from 6-7:30pm
- Election will be held on July 14th.
- [The Town of Bar Harbor received \\$127k in State funding to help with Covid related education, PPE, and safe visitation.](#)
- [The CAT Ferry will not be running for the 2020 season](#)
- Glen Mary wading pool is open for the summer

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

Includes resource lists for visitors and businesses

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

School Information: Connors Emerson & MDI High School

July 13th, the track, tennis courts and playgrounds at MDI Regional Schools (AOS 91) will be open to the public, with the following guidelines....

- All State of Maine and CDC guidelines must be followed and adhered to at all times (social distancing, no large gathering, face covering, etc.)
- No team organized practices or equipment will be allowed or available
- Any person using the facilities will do so at their own risk. MDIRSS will not be responsible for any issues that may occur
- Only 2 tennis courts will be available at this time.
- Public restrooms will not be available
- Please note that the gyms and weight room will not be available
- Please note that all schools in MDIRSS are still shut down and not available

[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

- **The Park Loop Road and most hiking trails are open. Carriage roads are open, but beware of hazards. Park information is available outside at Hulls Cove Visitor Center. Campgrounds open no sooner than Aug 1.**

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 hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. Thuya Lodge will be closed for the 2020 season.

Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden will open July 30 through September 6. Thursday through Sunday between 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

[Land & Garden Preserve.](#)

Community Resources

- [Healthy Acadia Newsletter 7/14](#)
- [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 Interlibrary Loan is now active in Maine](#)
- [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 Announces Nearly 20 “Swab and Send” COVID-19 Testing Sites](#)
- [Governor Mills Proclaims Today Ashley Frederick Bryan Day](#)
- [Governor Mills Secures Discounted Electricity for Maine from Hydro-Québec](#)
- [Governor Mills Statement Regarding Sappi Paper Machine Closure To Fight COVID-19.](#)
- [Governor Mills Strengthens Enforcement of Face Covering Requirement as Maine Reopens](#)
- [With Improving Public Health Metrics, Mills Administration Exempts Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey From Quarantine & Testing Requirement](#)

Representative Brian Hubbell's latest newsletter : [Economic recovery committee urges school reopenings, broadband expansion](#) 6/27

- [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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