

# Town of Bar Harbor: Covid Update

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

August 25, 2020 / 4 pm / Town Manager's Office

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.

## Covid Transmission Update

- MDI Hospital confirmed that they have had 9 positive tests to date.
  - 4 Hancock County (not Bar Harbor residents)
  - 5 (non-residents)
- As of today 8/25/20, Maine CDC has confirmed 46 positive cases in Hancock County.
- The current case rate for the State of Maine is 32.6 per 10k people
- The current case rate for Hancock County is 8.4 per 10k people
- There have been zero (0) positive tests in Bar Harbor.

[Maine Center for Disease Control](#)

## Public Safety & Municipal News

- Glen Mary Pool is being decontaminated and will reopen by the weekend.
- 1,200 masks continue to be distributed daily in downtown Bar Harbor.
- Sidewalk "social distancing" stickers have been placed in various high traffic areas in the downtown. Depending on wear, they may be replaced by a stencil.
- No vote was taken by Council on the proposed Vacation Rental Ordinance Amendments. The Town will continue to work toward final language for the June 2021 vote.
- The Council approved a Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce outdoor craft fair event to be held on September 26th and 27th, located on Newport Drive.
- Town Council meets next on 9/1 at 4pm
  - Can be viewed live at [townhallstreams.com](http://townhallstreams.com) or on Spectrum Cable channel 1303
- [The Town of Bar Harbor received a second grant of \\$33,083 from the State of Maine Keep ME Healthy program to help Bar Harbor with Covid related needs.](#)

## 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**

## School Information: Conners Emerson & MDI High School

- School will be remote through September 25th.
- Chris Popper talked with Principal Matt Haney from MDIHS about returning to school and fall sports. [Click here to see the interview](#)

### School Emails and Websites

- <http://www.mdirss.org/>
- [Latest email update from Principal Haney and MDI High School - FAQ's 8/19](#)
- [MDI High School: Extra Curricular Physicals & Insurance Information](#)
- [Latest email update from Conners Emerson School - 8/25 Possible exposure with staff clarification](#)
- [Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse -](#)

## Government News & Mandates

### [Governor Mills: Latest Updates](#) :

- [Governor Mills Launches \\$200 Million Economic Recovery Grant Program to Support Maine Small Businesses 8/20](#)
- [Maine DHHS and MaineHealth Announce Five New "Swab and Send" COVID-19 Testing Sites Opening Next Week](#)

[Representative Brian Hubbell's latest newsletter: Stabilizing the economy, climate action strategies, and public health measures 7/23/20](#)

### Other Government Resources:

- [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](#)

## 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 8/25](#)
- [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).
- [Jesup Memorial Library Interlibrary Loan is now active in Maine](#)
- [Mount Desert 365 Resource Spreadsheet](#) is a resource list for all of MDI
- [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](#)

## Acadia National Park

[See latest alert from ANP](#) : Current Conditions | Park Campgrounds will remain closed for the 2020 season.

## 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 is closed for the 2020 season.
- Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden is open July 30 through September 6. Thursday through Sunday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Little Long Pond, Asticou Landing, Terraces and Lookouts are open daily from dawn to dusk.

[Land & Garden Preserve.](#)

## Mental Health

[National Alliance on Mental Illness Maine](#)

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

[Crisis Services](#)

## 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.

**For more information or to add to this resource page, please email: [nina@barharmoraine.gov](mailto:nina@barharmoraine.gov)**