

# Town of Bar Harbor: Covid Update

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**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.**

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**The Town of Bar Harbor expects residents and visitors alike to abide by CDC and State recommendations for 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 now permitted to be open to the public.
- On Monday, May 18th 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 four (4) positive tests to date.

As of today 5/15/20, Maine CDC has confirmed ten (10) positive cases in Hancock County.

[Maine Center for Disease Control](#)

## Public Safety & Municipal News

The next Town Council meeting will be May 19, 2020, 4:00 PM. Streaming live on Spectrum Channel 1303 or on [Townhallstreams.com](#)

[5/19/20 Town Council Agenda, Click Here](#)

The Municipal Offices will be closed for Memorial Day on 5/25.

5/5 Town Council Actions:

- Direct Councilor Dobbs and Manager Knight to open a dialog with the Governor's office on behalf of Bar Harbor.
- Have Councilor Friedmann create a framework for upcoming public Covid Zoom Forums to gather resident sentiment at the end of May.
- Create a staff working group to explore the potential for closing streets as a method of encouraging business and to accommodate social distancing

There are two new surveys on Polco to help the Town of Bar Harbor better understand the impact Covid 19 is having on the community and to help make Bar Harbor a safe and welcoming community when visitation begins again.

The Town invites all residents and community member to participate in the [Covid19 Resident Impact Survey](#)

The Town invites all businesses to participate in the [Covid19 Business Survey](#)

The next Town Council meeting will be 5/19/20 at 4:00 PM on [townhallstreams.com](http://townhallstreams.com) or live cable channel 1303.

The Public Works leaf pile area is open during normal public works facility hours. There will be no public access beyond the pile area and no access to the recycling metal pile.

Town of Bar Harbor buildings, schools, restrooms, and playgrounds are closed to the public until 5/15 due to the extension of the declaration of the state of emergency.

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](#)

### [Press Release 4/13/20: MDI Hospital Acquires New Rapid Testing System](#)

### [Drs. Kuffler and Abreu's Letter about the Seven Steps to Staying Safe](#)

**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](#)

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

At this time, reusable bags are no longer permitted inside the building. This includes the reusable pre-wrap bags that customers may put fruits and vegetables in. Hannaford will be using single-use plastic bags until further notice.

**[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. Plexiglass can be cut to order.**

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](mailto:bethp@paradistruevalue.com) .**

### A&B Naturals:

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

Today May 11th, doors are open and all are welcome with a mask and social distancing.

5 customers are allowed in the store at a time.

The juice bar is still closed, but please stay tuned for an increased variety of grab and go cafe items. Soup is coming soon!

To place orders: call 207-288-8480 /email [aandb.order@gmail.com](mailto:aandb.order@gmail.com)/ or on the website [www.aandbnaturals.com](http://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 Anderso: [alf@barharborinfo.com](mailto: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

SCHOOL LUNCH :

MDI High School

[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 @ Conners 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.

**Conners-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](#)

[Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse - End of Year Plans](#)

## 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

[The First: Jon Nicholson & Tony McKim Payroll Protection Plan "Wrap Up" video from 5/5](#)

[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 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](#) : 5/10/20 Newsletter**

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

**The SBA has resumed accepting Paycheck Protection Program applications as of 4/27/20**

**[CDC Guidelines](#)**

**[Maine CDC](#)**

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