

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 now and those from 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.

Covid Transmission Update

- MDI Hospital confirmed that they have had five (5) positive tests to date.
- As of today 7/08/20, 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

- 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: 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 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 7/7](#)
- [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](#) :

- [With Improving Public Health Metrics, Mills Administration Exempts Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey From Quarantine & Testing Requirement](#)
- [Governor Mills Appoints Reverend Kenneth I. Lewis, Jr. & Isaiah Reid to Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations](#)
- [Governor Mills Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Decision in June Medical Services v. Russo](#)
- [Mills Administration Approves COVID-19 Prevention and Protection Grant Awards to Municipalities As Part of Keep Maine Healthy Plan](#)
- [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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