

Town of Bar Harbor: Covid Update

PLEASE WEAR A MASK!

August 11, 2020 / 4 pm / Town Manager's Office

Town Manager Question of the Week:

Q. What is happening with school?

A. School will begin remotely on 9/8 and continue remotely through 9/25. The AOS 91 School Board has not released an official communication yet, but [Chris Popper reported the results from the 8/10 meeting on WDEA.](#)

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.

Covid Transmission Update

- MDI Hospital confirmed that they have had eight (8) positive tests to date.
 - 3 Hancock County (not Bar Harbor residents)
 - 5 (non-residents)
- As of today 8/11/20, Maine CDC has confirmed thirty six (36) positive cases in Hancock County.
- The current case rate for the State of Maine is 30.3 per 10k people
- The current case rate for Hancock County is 6.6 per 10k people
- There have been zero (0) positive tests in Bar Harbor.

[Maine Center for Disease Control](#)

Public Safety & Municipal News

- [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.](#)
- Town Council meets next on 8/18 at 4pm
 - Can be viewed live at townhallstreams.com or on Spectrum Cable channel 1303
- Election recount from 8/1 upheld the original results of the election.

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**

[8/1/20 Press Release - Covid 19 Public Service Announcement](#)

School Information: Connors Emerson & MDI High School

- School will be remote through September 25th.
- Official Communication will come from the individual school principals to each community about the back to school plan though Chris Popper reported the outcomes of the 8/10 AOS School Board meeting on WDEA. [Click here to see the article.](#)

[USDA Pandemic EBT program](#)

School Emails and Websites

- <http://www.mdirss.org/>
- [Latest email update from Principal Haney and MDI High School](#) - Preliminary Concepts for return to school.
- [MDI High School: Extra Curricular Physicals & Insurance Information](#)
- [Latest email update from Connors Emerson School](#) - Preliminary Plan 7/31
- [Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse](#) -
 - August 6 : Workshop
 - August 10 : Final Recommendations for Return to School.

Government News & Mandates

Governor Mills: Latest Updates :

- [Mills Administration Approves Second Round of COVID-19 Prevention and Protection Awards Under Keep Maine Healthy Plan](#)
- [As Maine Seeks to Maintain Relatively Low Virus Spread, Governor Mills Renews State of Civil Emergency](#)
- [Governor Mills & MaineHousing Expand Rental Relief Program to Help Prevent Evictions, Counter Reductions in Federal Unemployment Benefits](#)
- [Maine DHHS Announces Four Additional “Swab and Send” COVID-19 Testing Sites To Protect Health of Students & Staff, Mills Administration Provides Public Health Guidance & Financial Support to School Systems Across Maine](#)
- [Mills Administration Supports Child Care for Working Families with \\$8 Million Investment from Coronavirus Relief Fund](#)

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

Includes resource lists for visitors and businesses

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

Community Resources

- [Healthy Acadia Newsletter 8/11](#)
- [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

- [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](#)

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 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.](#)

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@barharbormaine.gov