Town of Mount Desert: Covid Update

8/20/2020 / 4 pm / Town Manager's Office

Town is busy! PLEASE consider your neighbors by wearing a mask and practicing social distancing. This helps us all stay healthy.

The Town of Mount Desert 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.

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 , 5 other (visitors/non residents)**
- **As of today 8/20/20, Maine CDC has confirmed 42 positive cases in Hancock County.**
- **The current case rate for the State of Maine is 31.8 per 10k people**
- **The current case rate for Hancock County is 7.7 per 10k people**

Maine Center for Disease Control

Public Safety, Municipal & Hancock County News

- **The next Select Board Meeting will be 9/8 at 4pm on Zoom**
  - **https://zoom.us/j/248566175**
  - **Meeting ID: 248 566 175**
- **61 Voters participated in the Annual Town Meeting that was held as a drive-in at the MDI High School. The annual town budget was passed by voters with great discussion.**
- **Property taxes will be committed and due September 1, 2020.**
  - **Interest accrues starting November 1, 2020.**
- **Tax bills will be mailed out the last week of August.**
- **The Town of Mount Desert will start taking Tax Club applications on September 1, 2020.**
  - **Taxpayers must be signed up by 10/31/20. For the current tax year, 2020-2021**
  - **Tax Clubs will be 10 equal payments from September 2020 to June 2021.**

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. **Remember: PLEASE CALL AHEAD**

School Information: Mt. Desert Elementary & MDI High School

- **Chris Popper talked with Principal Matt Haney from MDIHS about returning to school and fall sports. Click here to see the interview.**
- **Click here to register your child to attend MDES for the 2020/2021 school year.**
- **MDES School will be remote through 9/25**

School Emails & Websites:

- Mount Desert Island Regional School System
- **Latest email update from Principal Haney and MDI High School - FAQ's and 8/19**
- **Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse**
- MDI High School: Extra Curricular Physicals & Insurance Information
- MDES Newsletter Link
- Mount Desert Elementary * Food for families
- MDES Family Supports Form

Government News & Mandates & Resources

Governor Mills: Latest Updates :

- **Governor Mills Launches $200 Million Economic Recovery Grant Program to Support Maine Small Businesses**
- **Maine DHHS and MaineHealth Announce Five New "Swab and Send" COVID-19 Testing Sites Opening Next Week**
- Maple Syrup Producers Eligible for COVID-19 Financial Relief Following Advocacy by Maine Delegation and Governor Mills
- 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

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

Other Government Resources

- Maine DECD Website
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance
- Maine Tourism Relief Fund
- The Small Business Association Link to loan and grant forms: EIDL & PPP
- CDC Guidelines
- Maine CDC

Community Resources

- **Healthy Acadia Newsletter 8/18**
- Mount Desert 365 & Mount Desert 365 Resource Spreadsheet is a resource list for MDI
- 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.
- **Northeast Harbor Library**
  - Preschool story time Mondays at 10am on their FB page
  - **Maine Interlibrary Loan is now active**
- Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce
- 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 ways to share stimulus money with local nonprofits.
- MDI Community Helpers
- Island Connections

Mt. Desert Chamber of Commerce

- Resource Lists for Businesses and Visitors

Acadia National Park

- See latest alert from ANP : **Current Conditions |**
- **Park Campgrounds will remain closed for the 2020 season.**

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.

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.

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Mental Health Resources

- National Alliance on Mental Illness Maine
- Maine DHHS - Hotlines/Crisis Numbers
- Crisis Services

For more information or to add to this resource page, please email: manager@mtdesert.org