Town of Mount Desert: Covid Update

July 6, 2020 / 4 pm / Town Manager's Office

PLEASE WEAR A MASK

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.

Maine can welcome all visitors from VT, NH now and those from NJ, NY without test or quarantine beginning Friday July 3rd, 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. This will now be enforced by local law enforcement.

Covid Transmission Update

- MDI Hospital confirmed that they have had five (5) positive tests to date.
- **As of today 07/06/20, Maine CDC has confirmed eighteen (18) positive cases in Hancock County.**

Maine Center for Disease Control

Public Safety, Municipal & Hancock County News

- **Municipal Office hours are 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM**
- **Joint Webinar with Town of Bar Harbor | "*How We Police in Mount Desert and Bar Harbor*"**
    - **On Zoom July 7th from 6-7:30pm**

      Policy, Training, Use of Force, and Community Programs

      You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

      When: Jul 7, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

      Topic: Community Policing

      Please click the link below to join the webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85916491201?pwd=SkJXUE5hc0VlUFhFSU1iWEhwNjBmdz09

Password: 819681

Or iPhone one-tap :

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International numbers available: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kGdIuKvJu

- **Marriage licenses, new trailer, and vehicle registrations require appointments:**
  - **Appointments are available on Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9-11 am & 2-4 pm**
  - **Call 276-5531 for more information or to make an appointment**
- Twice weekly refuse collection begins Monday June 15, 2020 and continues through to September 12, 2020.

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.

Remember: PLEASE CALL AHEAD

MDI Hospital Covid Updates

Mt. Desert Chamber of Commerce

- Northeast Harbor entrepreneurs, unfazed by pandemic, will open restaurant and market
- Resource lists for businesses and visitors

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 will open July 8th, Wednesday through Sunday from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. Thuya Lodge will be closed this 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.

School Information: Mt. Desert Elementary & MDI High School

Food Assistance:

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 & Websites:

- Mount Desert Island Regional School System
- Latest email update from Principal Haney and MDI High School - Can check out books from MDIHS Library throughout the summer
- Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse - Safe Return to School Advisory Group
- MDES Newsletter Link 6/5
- Mount Desert Elementary * Food for families
- MDES Family Supports Form

Community Resources

- **Healthy Acadia Newsletter 6/30**
- 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 is doing pick up and drop off of books and a live online preschool story time Mondays at 10am on their FB page
- 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

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.

Mental Health Resources

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

Government News & Mandates & Resources

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 6/26

- **Representative Brian Hubbell's latest newsletter : Economic recovery committee urges school reopenings, broadband expansion 6/27**
- 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

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