Town of Mount Desert: Covid Update

June 3, 2020 / 4 pm / Town Manager's Office

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.

- Wearing a mask protects those around you, as often we can unknowingly be carriers of Covid 19.
- Retail stores are now permitted to be open to the public.
- Restaurants are now 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 U.S. 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 CDC FAQ's

Covid Transmission Update

- **MDI Hospital confirmed that they have had five (5) positive tests to date.**
- **As of today 6/3/20, Maine CDC has confirmed eleven (11) positive cases in Hancock County.**
- **One (1) positive case at Birch Bay Village in Bar Harbor.**
    - **Click Here for Birch Bay Press Release**

Maine Center for Disease Control

Public Safety, Municipal & Hancock County News

All municipal buildings, schools, restrooms, and playgrounds remain closed to the public.

- **The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be held Monday, June 15, 2020**
- **The Main Street construction project has ended and will resume again in October.**
- **Town Manager's Letter : see below**

TOWN OFFICE RE-OPENING UPDATE

The Town of Mount Desert plans to open the Municipal Office to the public on Monday, June 8th. The date is tentative pending completion of renovation work to protect our customers and staff. If the date needs to be adjusted, we will post the revised date on our website and Facebook page. After nearly three months, it will be our pleasure to welcome you back to your town office.

We will be observing our normal business hours Monday through Friday 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. Concern for the health and safety of customers and staff requires that we modify some of our familiar policies and procedures. Face coverings will be required while in the building, and we will be able to accommodate only two customers at a time to maintain social distancing. Customers will not be able to access the office areas of the building until further notice.

Due to these restrictions you may want to consider doing your renewal registrations of boats and cars online, particularly if you have several transactions. If you are unsure how to do online renewals call us at 276-5531 and we will gladly walk you through the process.

New registrations of cars and marriage licenses need to be done in person. They are lengthy procedures and will be done by appointment only. Call for appointment: 276-5531 until further notice.

When you arrive for your appointment please be sure to bring the following materials for car registrations:

- **OWNER OF VEHICLE MUST REGISTER FOR FIRST TIME (or have Power of Attorney)**
- Bill of Sale or Sales Invoice from dealers
- Dealers –New vehicles - Moroney Label (window sticker)
- Title work (1995 and newer) also on (motorcycles over 300CC/mopeds over 50cc w/10-inch tires, motorhomes, trailers over 3,000 lbs. unloaded, and camper trailers)



- Current Insurance, please watch your dates
- Current mileage
- Previous registration if wanting to transfer credits (or Plate #)
- If out of state vehicle, most current registration
- The CEO Department is still accepting permit applications and payments, through a drop box in the Town Office foyer, mail, or email. All Development Permit Applications are available on the Towns website, under Code Enforcement/Planning “Building Forms'' at www.mtdesert.org. The Land Use Zoning Ordinance, Tax Maps and Official Zoning Map are also located on the Towns website. (See Assessor webpage for maps.) Voicemails are checked daily. Inspections are currently being conducted, apart from internal and external plumbing inspections. Due to the COVID-19/Corona Virus Pandemic internal and external plumbing inspections will *temporarily* be suspended by the Authority Having Jurisdiction/Local Plumbing Inspector, until the pandemic is no longer a threat. The certified installer(s) will be required to fill out an Installer(s) Statement of Compliance form (affidavit form for Site Preparation for Disposal Fields) and provide photos for internal plumbing system installation only to the Authority Having Jurisdiction/Local Plumbing Inspector. Failure to comply with this request may hold-up or deny a homeowner(s) from receiving a Certificate of Occupancy to occupy their building.

The Assessing Office will continue to provide services electronically, either by phone, postal service, or by email. Assessing records are accessible online through the town’s website, or can be sent electronically or by postal service, upon request.

We are aware that these are difficult, challenging, and frustrating times. It is our privilege to serve the great people of Mount Desert as we together navigate this most unusual summer. Be safe and well.

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

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

Local Business & Mt. Desert Chamber of Commerce

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

Businesses that are open or that will open soon:

- **Shaw Jewelry: June 8: Will not be hosting their Thursday night opening receptions. However they will be changing our exhibits every two weeks as is our history. They have an awesome schedule of jewelers, painters, and sculptors. We are not sure about artist appearances due to the quarantine restrictions.**
- **Bowden Marine Service: open.**
- **Smart Studio: hopes to open June 1st. By appointment and limited amount of customers allowed in the store at a time for social distancing. Masks are requested. Hours are to be determined. Call for 207-664-4907 for custom framing or for shopping appointments.**
- **Galyn's, 17 Main St. Bar Harbor is reopening for dine-in and take-out beginning Monday May 18. Serving from 11:30am-8:30pm daily.**
- **Full Circle Printing Solutions are back to normal hours. 8am-4pm Monday through Friday.**
- **Christopher Smith: will open Mid-June. More details to come.**
- **The Gallery at Somes Sound is opening Monday June 1st. Open 7 days a week Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm. Sunday 1pm-5pm.**
- **Northeast Harbor Library: curbside pickup starting June 1st.**
- **Nor'easter Pound & Market: opening May 18, open 7 days a week at 7am-close.**

- **Kimball Shop: currently open by appointment with mask or for curbside service, doors will open to masked customers on Monday -Saturday from 10am-5pm on May 21st.**
- **Main Street Variety: Open: Monday-Friday 5:30am-5:30pm, Saturday 7am-5pm, Sunday Closed**
- **FT Browns: Open; Monday -Friday 8am-5pm; Saturday 8:30am-noon; Sunday closed.**
- **Seaside Deli: Open Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday 9am -2pm**
- **123 Main Street will open June 22 through September 7 ; 7 days a week from 9-3 everyday, with dinner pick up from 5:30 to 7 daily. Take out , curbside and limited store and porch dining.**

Pine Tree Market

Pine Tree Market invites curbside pickup and intown deliveries.

Today they are stocked with organic meats, fresh produce, toilet paper, paper towels, face masks, and cleaning products.

Please call 207-276-3335

PTM wants to help you keep your circles small and close.

FT Brown

- New: **25% off entire store for frontline workers**.
- The store is well supplied with disinfectants, toilet paper, and bleach.
- Please call ahead to order bulk soils.
- 10% discounts are applied to bulk orders for large quantities.

Please call for orders or to be placed on a waiting list for items in need. 207-276-3329

Hours: 8am to 5pm

Main Street Variety

Main Street Variety continues to be well stocked and even has hand sanitizer and disposable gloves for sale.

MSV asks that all customers wear masks inside the store. They have extras on hand if customers do not have them.

They have a limit of 5 people in the store at a time and ask that you honor the 6 foot rules inside and browse with your eyes and not your hands. MSV has installed a new piece of plexiglass at the register to protect customers and patrons alike.

Gas prices today are **$1.84** for regular and **$2.69** for diesel.

Curbside pickup is available, please call 207-276-3225

Hours: M-F 5:30am - 5:30pm/ Saturday 7am-5pm/ Sunday closed

Somesville One Stop / RH FOSTER

SOS reports that they are well supplied and able to serve their customers.

Gas prices **$1.81** for regular, **$2.54** for diesel

Hours: 5am-10pm Monday thru Saturday, and 7am-10pm on Sunday.

(hours are subject to change, check here for updates)

The First- NEH

Hours:

- Monday - Wednesday: 8:00am - 4:00pm
- Thursday and Friday: 8:00am to 5:00pm
- Saturday: 8:00am – Noon

If you need assistance please call us at 800-564-3195. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

On the Island, our Bar Harbor location at 102 Main Street and Southwest Harbor Drive-Up location on Seal Cove Road are available.

Bar Harbor Bank & Trust- NEH

To protect the health and safety of our customers and employees, our branch lobbies are accessible by appointment only for customers who need to complete transactions that cannot be conducted via our drive-up window, ATMs, or over the phone.

Walk-ins are not allowed at this time.

Please call your Northeast Harbor Branch, 207-276-3314 or your Somesville Branch, 207-244-4417 to set up an appointment.

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 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

To those who are looking for work: Hannaford is currently hiring.

Land & Garden Preserve

The Land & Garden Preserve will begin the gradual opening of the Asticou Azalea Garden on Thursday, June 4. The garden will be open each Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until at least early August. We welcome you to enjoy the beauty of the garden in flower.

We are opening the garden after thoughtful and careful planning. We may have to adjust our open schedule as public health information develops and changes. Our top priority is to protect the health and safety of our visitors and staff.

Thuya Garden and the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden remain closed for the time being. Notifications of opening schedules will be published as they are finalized. Little Long Pond, Asticou Landing, Terraces and Lookouts are open daily from dawn to dusk.

New procedures are in place at the Asticou Azalea Garden, so you will notice a few changes.

- A Preserve staff greeter will be stationed at the main gate and in the parking lot to greet you and monitor the number of people in the garden.
- Visitors will be limited to 25 at one time, on a first-come, first-served basis.
- You may access the garden through the main gate only. The handicap accessible entrance will be open on an as-needed basis.
- Parking will be available in the main lot. Please do not park on the road adjacent to the garden.

We ask all visitors to please observe the following guidelines at the garden:

- Refrain from visiting if you feel sick or are under quarantine.
- Always remain at least six feet apart from other visitors and garden staff.
- Step carefully off the garden path to let others pass. Step only on grass, not in flower beds or on plants.
- Children must always remain with their parents.
- Masks are encouraged in the garden.
- Email any plant questions to gardens@gardenpreserve.org, rather than approach garden staff.

Donations are gratefully accepted at the garden or through our website.

Kind regards,

Rodney Eason, CEO

School Information: Mt. Desert Elementary & MDI High School

MDI High School

GRADUATION: Sunday, June 7th at 5:00 pm

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.

Mount Desert Elementary School

Sign up for lunch HERE. This is for all students attending Mount Desert Elementary School and for MDI High School Students living in Hall Quarry, Somesville, Otter Creek, Northeast Harbor, Pretty Marsh, Seal Harbor and Mount Desert.

- http://www.mdirss.org/
- **Latest email update from Principal Haney MDI High School** - **Return and Retrieve**
- Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse - Summer Plans
- Latest email update from MDES
    - **Newsletter Link 5/30/2020**
- Mount Desert Elementary * Food for families
- MDES Family Supports Form

Community Resources

- **Healthy Acadia Newsletter 5/25/20**
- 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 live online preschool story time Mondays at 10am 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 : Opening June 1: Know Before You Go**

Mental Health Resources

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

Government News & Mandates & Resources

Governor Mills: Latest Updates :

- **Governor Mills Issues Executive Order Allowing for Easing of Restrictions As Restarting Maine Plan Progresses 5/29**
- Mills Administration Announces Update to Restarting Maine's Economy Plan
- Governor Mills Announces New Major Federal Funding Will Be Used To Expand Lab and Testing Capacity Across Maine
- Mills Announces Changes to Opening Plans, RV Parks and Campgrounds
- Mills Announces Expanded Testing Capability

Representative Brian Hubbell's latest newsletter and resource list : 5/21/20 Newsletter

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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