Town of Mount Desert: Covid Update

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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 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 6/5/20, Maine CDC has confirmed twelve (12) 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 Town Office will be unable to open to the Public on Monday June 8 as planned.**
- **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.

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

Bowden Marine Service

- Open

Smart Studio

- 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 : serving from 11:30am-8:30pm daily.

Full Circle Printing Solutions

- 8am-4pm Monday through Friday.

Christopher Smith Gallery

- Opening Mid-June. More details to come.

The Gallery at Somes Sound

- Open 7 days a week : Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm. Sunday 1pm-5pm.

Northeast Harbor Library

- Curbside pickup starting June 1st.

Nor'easter Pound & Market

- 7 days a week at 7am-close.

Kimball Shop

- Open to masked customers on Monday -Saturday from 10am-5pm

Main Street Variety

- 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.
- Curbside pickup is available, please call 207-276-3225
- Open: Monday-Friday 5:30am-5:30pm, Saturday 7am-5pm, Sunday Closed

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
- 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.

Somesville One Stop / RH FOSTER

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

- Please use the Drive-thru, 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.

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“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.

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 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.

Land & Garden Preserve.

School Information: Mt. Desert Elementary & MDI High School

MDI High School :

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

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:

- 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 :

- **In Light of Data Trends, Mills Administration Accelerates Business Openings in Rural Counties | Office of Governor Janet T. Mills** 6/4
- 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

Maine DECD Website - check here for updates and additions to industry checklists and compliance forms.

- *Additional Checklists* - Driver Education Schools, Gyms and Fitness Centers, Tattoo and Piercing Parlors, Barbering and Cosmetology Schools.
- *Updated Checklists* - Retail, Inland Fish and Wildlife Outdoor Activities, Specific Guidance for Charter Boats instead of using Outdoor Activities, Marinas.
- DECD Weekly Update 6/4/2020
    - Video
    - Audio only

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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