

Federal Resources

Centers for Disease Control

There is a lot of misinformation about this disease being passed around. Please visit the CDC website for the latest information related to controlling the spread of COVID-19.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Acadia National Park

Acadia officials have closed significant portions of the park according to their website: “In support of federal, state, and local efforts to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), all park roads, facilities, restrooms, carriage roads, campgrounds, visitor centers and services are closed. Please call or email for park information.”

<https://www.nps.gov/acad/index.htm>

Small Business Administration

Small business is the core of our local economy. In this difficult time the SBA has a significant loan program for businesses affected by COVID-19.

<https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>

Veterans Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs has a webpage dedicated to its COVID-19 response. Thank you to all that have served.

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/>

State Resources

Governor’s Office

Governor Janet Mills has issued an executive order for non-essential businesses to close. This affects many of our local businesses and can be confusing for business owners. Below is a link to a guidance document and the Governor’s COVID-19 page:

https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/sites/maine.gov.governor.mills/files/inline-files/FAQS%20-%20Business%20Closures%20Executive%20Order%20Number%2019%20V2_0.pdf

<https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/covid-19>

Maine CDC

The Maine CDC is providing up to the minute information about the COVID-19 outbreak in Maine.

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus.shtml>

Unemployment Insurance

Workers are also hit hard by business closures. The Federal government has passed landmark legislation to boost unemployment benefits in the wake of the pandemic. These benefits are administered through the State Labor offices. Claims can be filed online at:

<https://reemploye.maine.gov/accessme/faces/login/login.xhtml>

Local Resources

Schools

Schools on the island have closed, currently through April 27 but an announcement will be made before they reopen. The Superintendent's office posts regular updates here:

<http://www.mdirss.org/>

Pemetic School is closed to public entry. The administration and teaching staff are hard at work building a remote learning platform for parents and students. Information about the virtual classrooms are on their website:

<https://www.pemeticschool.com/>

MDI Community Helpers

A citizen group has organized a support network to assist the most vulnerable residents get the supplies and services they need in this difficult time. They are an all-volunteer group working to ensure that all of our residents are safe and limiting the spread of COVID-19. If you are in need of assistance please submit your request here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZfu0tCctHc9oL7tPomVRdniYiE7nbT_kkK9iCSRggDhOvQ/viewform

If you are able to provide monetary or volunteer time submit a volunteer application here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_CJUFdVvwJkmymWRqUeK8bx3m7n4uSOuUPYHqXSAyH2DBoQ/viewform?fbclid=IwAR25hjnWGhnMP0IOWMcBPRBumhtQCJGZO4hIk-T-VjNGZljL1kVX5pWrL6U

Town Office

Town staff are working to ensure that public services are available during this unprecedented time. Although we are closed to the public and have ceased public operation, a staff member is available by phone Monday-Friday 9am to 3:30pm. If the staff on duty cannot help with your request immediately they will get your contact information to the appropriate staff member. Please be patient as we are all adjusting to this new working environment. Any documents being submitted to the Town can be placed in the drop box located in the Police Station lobby. If you must conduct business in person, please call the office Monday for an appointment later in the week. We are working on developing a remote public meeting system that will be announced on the website: <http://www.southwestharbormaine.org/>