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RESTARTING MAINE'S ECONOMY | STAY SAFER AT HOME

We are getting a dizzying amount of information and instruction on what to do and how to do it in this ever-changing world of Covid-19. After studying the plan to begin reopening the economy maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine and the "Stay Safer at Home" Executive Order #49 that made it law townofvinalhaven.org/sites/vinalhavenme/files/uploads/an_order_to_stay_safer_at_home.pdf, we offer here a summary of what we are expected to do.

Stage 1, May <i>Plan for RESTARTING MAINE'S ECONOMY</i>			
PERSONAL RESTRICTIONS	ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NEWLY PERMITTED <i>when following DECD checklist standards*</i>
Stay at Home order remains in effect except for newly permitted activities	Gatherings of up to 10 people while obtaining essential services and maintaining 6 feet separation and wearing a face covering	Gatherings of more than 10 people for ANY REASON	Health Care from Maine Licensed Providers
If arriving from out-of-state, self-quarantine for 14 days	All businesses allowed to operate previously may continue to do so		Some Personal Services including hair salons barbershops, pet grooming
Face Coverings MUST be worn in public settings where physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain			Limited drive-in, stay-in-your-vehicle church services
			Outdoor Recreation, including Golf Courses and Disc Courses Guided outdoor activities (Hunting, Fishing) Marinas, Some 30 State Parks and Historic Sites, but coastal sites will remain closed, State-owned public lands, trails
			Drive-in Theaters

* maine.gov/decd/covid-19-prevention-checklists

Governor Mills outlined the plan on Tuesday, April 28, and offered some details of what might happen in four stages. Only the first stage of the opening has been made "official", and this went into effect today. It gives guidance on what hair salons, car dealerships and some others must do to safely reopen their doors. It also requires that we wear face coverings when in an area where we are unable to maintain social distancing. The other three stages are outlined as possibilities, to give businesses some time to begin rethinking how their operations will need to be run.

The first three stages all require self-quarantining for two weeks of people who arrive from out of state, making it impossible for most out-of-staters to come for

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a vacation. It is possible, although difficult, for our seasonal friends to come here. We are working with our contractors and property managers to develop some guidelines on how this can work safely. Contractors report that the people inquiring about returning are diligent and respectful, and want to be sure their return does no harm, either by bringing the virus or by stressing the services that are already struggling with the way they have to do business. There will be more information on this issue next week.

While progression through the stages is planned month-by-month, decisions by the Governor on implementation of the later stages will be determined by public health metrics. Progress may also change based on virus trends, testing or treatment breakthroughs, or identification of new, safe ways of doing business.

As always, please contact the EOC with your questions and for assistance. Subscribe to “Town Alerts” on the Town’s website to automatically receive Daily Updates in your inbox.