



08-11-2020 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) COVID-19 UPDATE

In our last official update, we said we'd provide EOC reports monthly and "as needed". Here's what's new.

State Updates

(As of August 11) **4,050 Maine residents have tested positive** for COVID-19; **27 in Knox County**. Based on positive test results, Knox county has 2 active cases, but there are likely many more people who are positive who have not been tested or are asymptomatic. See all the latest State and Knox County data on the Maine CDC website. www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/data.shtml

On August 3, **Governor Mills extended the State of Civil Emergency** to allow Maine to continue to draw down critical Federal resources and to deploy all available resources to respond to COVID-19. Read More at www.maine.gov/governor/mills/news/maine-seeks-maintain-relatively-low-virus-spread-governor-mills-renews-state-civil-emergency

Guidance for public gatherings was updated on August 5. Currently a maximum of 50 people indoors (no more than 5 individuals per 1,000 square feet) and 100 outdoors are permitted to gather provided that people maintain 6 feet physical distance, wear face coverings when distancing is not possible, and practice proper hygiene. For all requirements for gatherings, go to www.maine.gov/decd/checklists/large-social-gatherings

Want to learn more about Testing Options? Check out this list of testing locations throughout the state. People interested in a test should call ahead and ask questions about access, hours, and costs. www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine/keepmainehealthy/testing ICMS provides tests for people with symptoms and can assist Maine residents who are part of the Maine Health System who need to get tested after returning from out-of-state travel. www.icmsvh.org

"This deadly virus is still with us, and while I am proud of the progress Maine has made, we are not immune from the surges we have seen in other states. We must all stay vigilant and stay safe."
—Governor Janet Mills

Word on the Street

Know someone who needs food assistance? How about help with rent? Locally we have the **Brown Door** (food pantry) and the **Little Free Pantry** plus other groups in the community offering food assistance. Check out the list www.townofvinalhaven.org/home/pages/get-help-basic-needs The State has renewed and updated **MaineHousing's Rental Relief Program**. Households that meet certain

requirements may receive a payment of up to \$1,000 in rental assistance paid directly to the landlord for up to three months. Go to www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/rental/rentaldetail/covid-19-rental-relief-program

"Don't trash it, stash it" is a reminder to everyone to not toss your disposable masks on the ground when you're done wearing them. Either stash in your pocket for later use or find a trash can to put it in. We've heard many reports of accumulating mask litter; let's be responsible and do our part to keep VH litter-free.

ICMS has hand sanitizer and masks available for businesses and organizations. Contact Dinah dmoyer@icmsvh.org

Tips of the Week

Get the Facts! Check out the **Knox Hub** for all of the latest data on case counts, local resources and more! knox-hub-knoxme.hub.arcgis.com

It's August—there's a lot of congestion on our sidewalks downtown. Do your part. Be respectful of others—**Wear your Mask on Main!**



Follow our **Community Guidelines** to keep yourself, your family and the community safe.

www.townofvinalhaven.org/home/pages/covid-19-community-guidelines

As always, please contact the EOC with your questions and comments.