



## COVID-19 Vinalhaven Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

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# COVID-19 Update 11-02-20

## RIISING COVID CASE COUNTS LEAD TO NEW SAFETY MEASURES

Over the past week, nearly every Maine county has seen a dramatic increase in positive COVID-19 cases and subsequent hospitalizations. As a result, on Sunday the Governor announced the enactment of several statewide safety measures in order to mitigate the spread of the virus.

Please be aware of these changes as they may affect you directly.

1. *Effective Wednesday, November 4, 2020* – **Indoor gathering limits will return to a maximum of 50 people, regardless of capacity.** Occupancy limits for retail establishments will remain at 5 people per 1,000 square feet of shopping space. The gathering limit on outdoor activities remains at 100 people under existing guidelines, with physical distancing and the use of face coverings.
2. **The reopening of bars and tasting rooms for indoor seated service is postponed until further notice.** See the Plan for Restarting Maine's Economy for further information. [www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine/april](https://www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine/april)
3. *Effective Wednesday, November 4, 2020* – **People traveling from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut are no longer exempt from Maine's quarantine or negative test requirement.** People coming here from these states must either quarantine for 14 days or receive a negative COVID-19 test with a sample taken less than 72 hours from arrival in Maine, quarantining while awaiting test results. This protocol includes Maine residents returning from one of the non-exempt states. People traveling from NH, VT, and MA are still exempt from the 14-day quarantine or negative test requirement.

For details, read the complete announcement from the Mill's Administration. [www.maine.gov/governor/mills/news/cases-rising-maine-nationwide-mills-administration-announces-measures-prevent-spread-deadly](https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/news/cases-rising-maine-nationwide-mills-administration-announces-measures-prevent-spread-deadly)

Follow the Community Guidelines to keep yourself, your family and the community safe. As always, please contact the EOC with your questions and comments.  
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