



COVID-19 Vinalhaven Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

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COVID-19 Update 11-23-20

KNOWN POSITIVE CASE ON VINALHAVEN

The Public Health Team received word this evening that **an individual on island has tested positive for COVID-19**. As a result of possible exposure at the Vinalhaven School, the school will be closed tomorrow, Tuesday, November 24th.

The **Public Health Team is working with ICMS to begin contact tracing** to identify people who may have been in close contact* with the individual in question, including family and friends.

Due to changes in the Maine CDC's contact tracing protocols, the Public Health Team and ICMS have been working for the past two weeks to onboard a contact tracing program, which will operate in cooperation with the Maine CDC.

We do not need to remind you how easily community transmission can occur. **PLEASE** follow Community and CDC guidelines. **Stay home unless you truly need to be out and about. Wear a mask. Wash your hands. Watch your distance.**

Additionally, remember that a negative COVID test is a snapshot in time, indicating only that a person is coronavirus negative on a particular date and time. **A negative COVID test is NOT a free pass to ignore guidelines.** Anyone who tests negative today may test positive tomorrow, or the next day, or the day after that.

If you believe you may have come into close contact with someone who has tested positive, please quarantine at home and contact your health care provider for guidance. If you live with others, they will need to quarantine as well. This means not leaving your property unless for an emergency and avoiding all contact with others.

We will continue to provide updates as we learn more. **Watch the Town Facebook page or subscribe to Urgent Alerts (Town Alerts)** on the Town website to receive email updates.

Please do your part. Only YOU can keep our community safe.
Thank you.

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Visit the COVID-19 pages on the Town website for local COVID-19 information and helpful resources. www.townofvinalhaven.org/home/covid-19-1

As always, please contact the EOC with your questions and comments.
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*Close contact is being within six feet of a person for longer than 15 minutes, whether in one duration or cumulatively.