



## 12-18-2020 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) COVID-19 UPDATE

The state is continuing to see record high daily totals of positive cases primarily due to community spread originating in small gatherings. Please be careful and cautious regarding how you choose to celebrate December holidays. Don't take risks. Avoid unnecessary in-person get-togethers, and if you don't have to travel, please stay home.

### State Updates

As of December 18, 2020 there were **7,312 active cases** reported in the state (an increase of **2,800 cases since our 12-11-20 update**) and **18,337 total cumulative cases statewide**. Currently there are **100 active cases in Knox county**. The state's **positivity rate is 4.43%**. See COVID-19 data on the Knox Hub website [knox-hub-knoxme.hub.arcgis.com](http://knox-hub-knoxme.hub.arcgis.com)

As of December, 17, 2020, 2,264 high-risk individuals, primarily front-line healthcare workers, received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Beginning Monday, certain skilled nursing facilities in Maine will receive their first shipment of the vaccine. Sometime within the next few weeks, Vinalhaven EMS is expecting to receive enough vaccine for our first responders.

### Word on the Street

*ICMS has FREE Masks, Gloves and Hand Sanitizer for EVERYONE!*

Contact ICMS to get yours. **(207) 863-4341**

#### Vinalhaven Case Information beginning March 2020

Known Active Confirmed Positive – 1  
Total Known Confirmed Positive – 5  
Total Recovered – 4

For state and county data, go to [knox-hub-knoxme.hub.arcgis.com](http://knox-hub-knoxme.hub.arcgis.com)

### Food and Other Assistance

The **Brown Door** (food pantry) and the **Little Free Pantry** plus other groups in the community offering food assistance. For more info visit [www.townofvinalhaven.org/home/pages/get-help-basic-needs](http://www.townofvinalhaven.org/home/pages/get-help-basic-needs)

**MaineHousing's Rental Relief Program** provides up to \$1,000 in rental assistance to eligible applicants for up to three months. [www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/rental/rentaldetail/covid-19-rental-relief-program](http://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/rental/rentaldetail/covid-19-rental-relief-program)

### Tip of the Week: Holiday Safety

We're recycling this great Fact Sheet from our Friday update last week.

Stay safe while celebrating—Check out the CDC's Winter Holiday Safety Guidelines.

Click to Download.



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