

COVID-19 Vinalhaven Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

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May Covid-19 Community Survey

The Town's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is conducting an **anonymous survey** to collect information that will be used to help the EOC and the Select Board make decisions. The survey takes approximately 5 minutes to complete. Please use this link

www.surveymonkey.com/r/vhcovid or the QR code to

take the survey. If you would like a paper copy of the survey or know someone who would, please contact the EOC. **Thank you!**



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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE from the Town's Public Health Team and Select Board

Dear Fellow Vinalhaveners,

This is a stressful and uncertain time for everyone. We've all been working hard to stay safe, to change how we do things and to abide by guidelines and orders. **We can be grateful to each other** for the actions we have taken and sacrifices we have made.

As summer approaches, we are looking forward to happier days, but **Covid-19 has made the next few months a real uncertainty.** On May 9th, the Public Health Team and Select Board sent a letter to our seasonal residents to help guide summer plans. You can read the entire letter on the Town website*. What was written applies to **ALL** of us, not just our friends from away.

Below is a summary of the letter, which outlines current unknowns and actions we need to take now as we prepare for summer. The Public Health Team and Select Board will issue another letter to all residents in June.

Please continue to do your part. Be kind and caring to all, including those who need to self-quarantine, and especially our most vulnerable citizens. Through our words and actions, let's show the respect we have for our beloved community.

- Thank you!

Vinalhaven in May – What We Know Today

Governor Mills' Stay Safer at Home Executive Order is in effect until May 31. This means...

Anyone not engaged in an essential activity **must stay home**

Anyone travelling from out of state must quarantine for 14 days

Gatherings of more than 10 people are not permitted

Face coverings must be worn while in public

Social/Physical distancing must be practiced at all times

Travel on public transportation (the ferry!) is for essential reasons only

In addition, continue to wash hands often, keep surfaces clean, and abide by all CDC Covid-19 guidelines.

We all have questions that concern us and ones we don't have answers to:

What will the summer look like? Will the quarries be open? Will the Medical Center and EMS be able to handle an outbreak of the virus on the Island? Will businesses be able to get the supplies they need, and will they be able to operate without being overwhelmed? Will we be able to get over and back from the mainland for doctors appointments and other similar errands?

Businesses, organizations, community groups and the Town have been working hard to adapt so they can offer services while keeping staff and customers safe.

Many summer events and activities have been cancelled or postponed.

Anyone traveling to the island from out-of-state must quarantine for 14 days.

This means staying in your house or on your property during the length of the quarantine. No going out to shop, to hike public trails, to meet someone at the ferry, etc.

If you have visitors coming from out-of-state to stay with you in the same household, they **must quarantine** for 14 days, which, in turn, **requires you to quarantine** for 14 days.

*Go to **www.townofvinalhaven.org** and click on **Covid-19** in the top navigation bar to read the May 9th Letter to Seasonal Residents and Visitors, Governor Mills' Stay Safer at Home Executive Order, the plan to Restart Maine's Economy and other Covid-19 documents and resources.

Need help? Have questions or comments? Contact the Town's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) VHEOC@townofvinalhaven.org 207-863-2168 This community is a special place and together we will get through this!