



## Town of Vinalhaven

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### COVID-19 Daily update 3/22/2020

Vinalhaven EMS crew were hard at work this weekend making contact with people on the Fire Department's storm list – it's a list of people who might need to be checked on during an extended power outage or heavy snowstorm. Some of these people don't have access to the internet or don't use it frequently. They were glad to receive the information that the callers were able to give. This information included things like letting them know that most businesses in town are making home deliveries, that we are forming an emergency operations center (see March 21 update), and giving them the opportunity to ask questions.

We would like to expand this list to anyone who would like that phone call for up to date information – it's the kind of information we are posting on the Town website and town Facebook page that you are reading right now. If you or anyone you can think of might benefit from this call, please send us their name and number to [VHEOC@townofvinalhaven.org](mailto:VHEOC@townofvinalhaven.org). If we check in with them and they don't want the call, we won't add them to the call list. We're calling this new, updated list the Pandemic Storm List – since the pandemic is coming at us like a relentless northeaster!

In addition, a different kind of call list will be coming. We recognize that social distancing, which is so important to slow the spread of the disease, will start to take its toll on our mental well being. We will be working on bringing folks together to help support each other. For today, though, our search is for people who would benefit from a call with factual information about the disease and what we need to do to protect ourselves.

***And this just in:*** Eldercare's customary collection of redeemables has been suspended for the time being. If you cannot stockpile those items until our activity resumes, please recycle them instead of throwing them out.

You can stay up to date by checking the Town website or Facebook page – updates will be posted by 5 PM daily. This community is a special place and together we will get through this!