



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

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# COVID-19 Daily Update 4-13-20

## VINALHAVENERS – DOING OUR PART

The Easter Bunny, deemed an essential service, made the rounds this weekend to the homes of many youngsters, bringing surprise and delight.

When a resident of a rehabilitation center and nursing home in Augusta died of Covid-19, the Maine CDC epidemiologists tested all the residents and staff. Of the 63 people living in the facility, 41 tested positive, as well as 14 employees. **MOST WERE NOT SHOWING SYMPTOMS.** This shows that if widespread testing were available in Maine, we would have a much higher number of positive tests. It suggests that the number of carriers – people with no symptoms – may be more numerous in the general population than was originally believed.

This news serves as a reminder about how important social distancing and face covering continue to be. To date, we have not had anyone test positive on Vinalhaven, and therefore we are not eligible for the rapid testing that would take place if and when we do. With limited testing we cannot know how widespread it might be here.

Congratulations, Vinalhaven, for following the mandates issued by Governor Mills and the recommendations of the CDC and our Public Health Team. Well done, Eldercare, for acting early and aggressively in the implementation of actions to protect the residents of the Homestead.



*Wearing a mask and special bunny gloves, the Easter Bunny makes responsible egg deliveries, stepping back as needed to keep safe distance from fans who can't help but want to get close to their favorite rabbit.*

### **Thank you, thank you, to all who are diligently helping the community in so many ways!**

- Assisting the Easter Bunny!
- Mask making
- Making phone calls of connection and assurance
- Making and delivering food
- Becoming teachers for your children  
*and*
- Working side by side in essential services

### **Feeding Vinalhaven– In food preparation and delivery alone the numbers are staggering...**

- On Saturday and Sunday CARES delivered healthy snacks and Easter eggs to 157 kids.
- Open Bible Baptist Coronavirus Relief Fund delivers food to 10-15 households each week.
- The Food Pantry (aka The Brown Door) delivered bulk food boxes on Friday to 45 households.
- Lunch Box makes and delivers 75 weekly meals.
- Meals on Wheels makes and delivers over 50 weekly meals.
- The school lunch program provides breakfast and lunch to 146 kids 5 days a week.

### **Vinalhavers, you are heroes in helping to reduce the spread of this disease, and bringing joy to many in this trying time!**

Please send us photos of our friends and neighbors that capture them helping in any way, while practicing correct social distancing! We would love to share them with the whole community.

Send to [VHEOC@townofvinalhaven.org](mailto:VHEOC@townofvinalhaven.org)

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