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OPENING THE ECONOMY

Those of us with scraggly hair will be glad to learn that we may be able to get a haircut starting May 1. Yesterday Governor Mills laid out tentative plans for starting to change current restrictions and has issued her official **"Stay Safer at Home" Executive Order**. townofvinalhaven.org/sites/vinalhavenme/files/uploads/an_order_to_stay_safer_at_home.pdf

Hair salons are among the few businesses that will be allowed to reopen according to Stage 1 of the Governor's plan for Restarting Maine's Economy. If any of our hairdressers want to reopen, they have to comply with the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) regulations. These regulations and other accompanying guidelines will be outlined on the DECD website this evening.

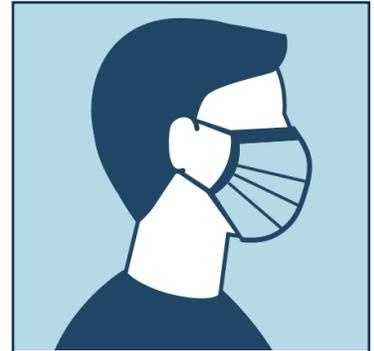
Visit the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development website to read the the Governor's plan for **Restarting Maine's Economy** maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine

Download the plan as an easy-to-read PDF booklet townofvinalhaven.org/sites/vinalhavenme/files/uploads/restarting_maines_economy_book_final.pdf

Not much else will change on May 1, when Stage 1 of the Governor's plan kicks in. We are still expected to stay at home except for exercising, acquiring essential services, and accessing the new openings.

It will be mandatory, not simply recommended, that we wear a face covering when engaging in a close encounter with another person who is not part of our household. People arriving from out of state are still required to self-quarantine for two weeks.

As we look to the summer and the later stages of the Governor's four-stage plan, we recognize that there are unique problems affecting the islands. Currently, the ferry has limited both its schedule and the number of walk-on passengers it will accept so those passengers can maintain proper social distancing. If the MSFS management does not change the rules, the number of people who can get here or



Need a Mask?

Call **Denise Hopkins**
207-863-2084

or **Kerry McKee**
207-307-6616

Are you a mask maker?
We're building a central mask repository—one place for drop off—at the fire station. Let Denise or Kerry know when you're dropping off (hang on the doorknob), and they will pick up and distribute.

You've been a major miracle so far—now let's make it simpler for you and those who need masks!

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go to the mainland will remain severely limited. Carver's, as the main food supplier on the island, may have trouble servicing an increased volume of customers. They have already experienced one week with reduced shipment of fresh foods.

Many of the questions asked over the previous days remain unanswered, but with the Governor's plan we are better able to begin addressing them:

What about the flea market?

4th of July?

Return of seasonal residents?

The EOC will work with individuals and organizers of any of these sorts of events to help them develop a plan for some modification that will remain in compliance with state mandates.

Some ideas, not yet fully developed, include the following:

- The flea market may be able to be fenced, permitting only so many entrants at a time.
- Although there is no way that the town parking lot can fill with vendors on the 4th of July, postponing the event or developing an alternate plan may be possible.
- Seasonal residents returning to their summer homes from out of state who are eager to show that they are compliant with the mandate may be able to "register" when they return and enter quarantine. Fears of disease transmission by them would then be alleviated.

For the moment, not much changes for us in May, but with the Governor's outline, we can begin to make plans for more than one day at a time.

As always, please contact the EOC with your questions and for assistance. Subscribe to "Town Alerts" on the Town's website to automatically receive Daily Updates in your inbox.