



6-03-2021 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) COVID-19 UPDATE

Updates

Masking Reminders

Much has changed regarding COVID-19 guidelines since our last update on April 30. The state is no longer requiring masking except in school and childcare settings (and per federal guidelines– in healthcare settings and on public transportation). The Maine CDC and Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 checklists for COVID safety are being retired and businesses, organizations, and individuals are being asked to refer to US CDC guidelines instead.

In light of these changes, the state has said that businesses and venues may choose to require all customers wear masks and abide by capacity restrictions regardless of vaccination status. Many businesses on the island as well as the Town Office, Library, and ICMS are all requiring people to wear masks indoors. Some businesses are choosing to request only unvaccinated individuals be masked, per US CDC guidelines.

In the coming days, you may notice businesses and venues with one of these signs prominently displayed in their windows or on their doors.



Please do your part and abide by guidelines set forth by individual businesses and organizations. They are

working hard to keep their staff and those unvaccinated as safe as possible, and we are grateful for their efforts.

Get Vaccinated! (Especially Younger Folks)

There are many benefits to being fully vaccinated, including protecting yourself and others from getting COVID-19 and being able to visit others who are fully vaccinated without needing to wear face coverings or maintain six feet of distance! Check out all of the benefits here www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html

If you are age 18+ you can get vaccinated with the J&J or Moderna vaccines through ICMS. If you are age 12+, you can be vaccinated (with parental permission) using the Pfizer vaccine off-island OR by contacting ICMS to be part of a Pfizer clinic. FMI contact **Anna Clapham (207) 863-4341 ex. 1126** or aclapham@icmsvh.org

If you're able to travel off-island, vaccines are available at other facilities throughout the state. Visit www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/vaccination-sites

Vaccination and COVID-19 Numbers

As of June 2, 2021, nearly 60% percent of the Maine population 12 years and up has been fully vaccinated. According to the latest data on the Maine CDC Vaccination Dashboard, 85% of Vinalhaven residents have been fully vaccinated. www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/dashboard

There were 584 active COVID cases reported in the state and 67,986 total cumulative cases statewide. Currently there are 7 active cases in Knox county. The state's positivity rate is 1.8%. See COVID-19 data on the Maine CDC website. www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/data.shtml