Case Counts

Will we know if there are positive cases on the island?

Facilities that conduct testing do not release test results to the public and Maine CDC (MCDC) does not directly notify the Town nor the Public Health Officer when someone on the island has tested positive.

Testing facilities share positive results with the patient and/or medical provider and with MCDC. MCDC then conducts contact tracing to find all the people with whom the positive patient may have had close contact.

Learn more about Contact Tracing: www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/contact-tracing.shtml

The Vinalhaven Public Health Team monitors Maine case counts daily. The Maine CDC website provides case counts by zip code, county, and a variety of other metrics.

Positive case counts are attributed to the county and zip code of the patient’s primary residence. This means that people on the island who test positive but whose primary residence is elsewhere, will not affect the Vinalhaven case count.

In an effort to keep the community informed of Vinalhaven case counts, the Town has included a Case Counts page to the COVID-19 section of the Town website so islanders can easily access MCDC information.


The reality is that having positive cases on the island should not change what we do on a daily basis. The recommendation of Maine CDC is to “act as though the virus is here” so following our Community Guidelines at all times is essential to keep yourself, your family and the community safe.

As always, please contact the EOC with your questions and comments.
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Tip of the Week

Have you seen this great short film by PBS’s It’s Okay to Be Smart? It’s a very clever look at the efficacy of face coverings as viewed with slow-motion schlieren imaging experiments. Click here to check it out!

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