



VINALHAVEN PUBLIC HEALTH TEAM

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The Public Health Team meets on a semi-regular basis and more frequently when necessary. We will provide the community with relevant COVID-19 information in a timely manner. This collaborative partnership has been in place since March 2020 when Maine declared a civil state of emergency.

Active Case Count

As of Monday, January 10, 2022, ICMS is reporting that there are **31* confirmed cases** of COVID on Vinalhaven. This count represents the cases reported since December 26, 2021.

**This count only represents the confirmed positive tests that have been shared with ICMS.*

From the School

Due to the rising number of COVID cases and low attendance of students in the school the Board has approved the recommendation to move to remote instruction until Jan 21st.

School was dismissed early at 1:00 today.

Pick up of material will be at school tomorrow, Tuesday (1/11) from 12-2. Lunch can also be picked up at the same time as well for the entire week.

Remote education will start Wed as scheduled in your student's materials. More information will be on the school's Facebook page this afternoon.

Island Business Updates and Changes

Some businesses have changed their hours or operations as a result of the recent increase in COVID-19 cases. Below are some of the ones we have seen post notices:

- **Fishermen's Friend** - TEMPORARILY shorten our hours. We will be open 6am - 6pm for the time being. This will start TUESDAY and continue for a week or 2.
- **The Island's Closet** - we are going to go curbside at the closet. If you need to see items please call the Closet Tuesday through Saturday at 863-2773 between 10 and four. We will gladly take pictures and send them to you and we can either deliver or you can pick up curbside.

This is likely not a complete list, but we will do our best to share what we are seeing or have heard so you know how to access the island businesses.

From the Town Office

Currently, our services are open and available, but there may be changes to some of these as we continue to monitor the current situation. We will continue to keep you updated if we modify our services.

Questions?

- Contact 2-1-1 for general information about COVID-19 or visit Maine CDC's website.
- Contact ICMS, 863-4341 if you are looking to schedule an appointment for a vaccine.
- Contact the school, 863-4800, with questions about school COVID policies.
- Businesses with COVID-19 questions can call 2-1-1 or the Town Manager, 863-2042

Known Cases 01-10-2022

Vinalhaven

Confirmed Positive— 31

Maine (as of 1/7/22)

New Cases – 1,213

State and county data, click [here](#).

ICMS UPDATE

ICMS is open for business, except the dental office is closed 1/10 to 1/14. Call 863-4341 if you feel you have an emergent need.

Financial Resources

There are various resources available to those that may need assistance with food, heating, home weatherization/improvements, and other basic necessities. Click on the following resources for more information.

Penquis offers a range of support services from home heating assistance to home repairs/inspections. Call 596-0361 for more information.

VH Community Outreach VCO has set up a COVID-19 fund to help islanders who are directly financially affected by the virus. People seeking assistance should email VCO at vhcommunityoutreach@gmail.com.

General Assistance Local assistance for residents with difficulty paying for basic necessities. Contact Andy for more information at 863-2042.

Vinalhaven Fuel Fund - helps pays for up to 100 gallons of fuel. Contact Sue (207) 863-4822