Active Case Count
As of Wednesday, January 26, 2022, ICMS is reporting that there have been 60* confirmed cases of COVID on Vinalhaven, an increase of 7 since Monday 1/24. This count represents the cumulative cases reported since December 26, 2021.
*This count only represents the confirmed positive tests that have been shared with/by ICMS.

Vaccines for Children
Many have asked about the status of receiving vaccines for children on the island. Here is what we know:

• Pfizer is the only FDA-authorized vaccine for people younger than 18, so it is the vaccine used for ages 5 and up as well as a booster for those ages 12 through 17.
• Current protocols distribute the Pfizer vaccine in larger quantities and limits the amount of wasted doses at the administering facilities.
• The vaccine must be stored under certain, cold, conditions and must be used withing a limited timeline.
• You can find more answers about the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine [here](#).

Due to these factors, ICMS is not able to provide a clinic or administers vaccine doses for ages 5 through 11.

To find a vaccination site for your child, visit the [Maine CDC Vaccine Sites](#) webpage. As of today, there appear to be chances to schedule a vaccine appointment at the following locations in Rockland/Thomaston,

- Hannaford
- Penobscot Bay Medical Center
- Walmart

ICMS UPDATE
ICMS is still conducting COVID testing, but are using PCR tests almost exclusively at this time. More tests have been ordered through federal sources and are expecting these to be received soon. The time to confirm the results from a PCR test is not instant and will likely take multiple days at this time.

Please refer to the CDC flow chart in this update to know when to quarantine.

Medical Services are open for business.
Dental Services are open but may be reduced.

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
### MSFS Message

The Maine Department of Transportation is closing the Vinalhaven Ferry Terminal on Thursday, Jan 27th in response to an employee within the facility testing positive for COVID-19. The office is being cleaned and will reopen to the public and employees on Friday. This will impact the issuance of line numbers Thursday morning for Friday’s trip. At this time, plan on lining up for the boat you intend to travel on and the MSFS personnel will direct vehicles onto the boat. If you have a reservation or a priority, line up as you normally would for that boat. Contact the Rockland Office with any additional questions by calling 207-596-5400.

Businesses and transit operators across the country are struggling with the impact of the recent wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Maine State Ferry Service is no different. The MSFS continues to operate and prioritize the health and safety of our customers, employees, and communities. While no schedule reductions or cancellations are planned at this time, we are experiencing staffing shortages due to COVID-19. These staffing shortages could lead to temporary interruptions of service on short notice.

As we have shared throughout the pandemic, we encourage customers to know that operational changes, including one-time or recurring cancellation of service, may still occur due to the pandemic. Any such changes will be communicated on the message boards at the MSFS terminals and sent through the 5-1-1 notification system.

### Town Office Hours

Due to staffing levels and preparations for the town’s financial audit, the Town Office will modify business hours starting January 31 through February 11. During these two weeks, the office will be open from 8 am to 12 noon. As a reminder, there are some services available online, like re-registering a vehicle or obtaining a burn permit.

### 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

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**Start Here**
I'm a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Now what?

1. **Are you fully vaccinated & boosted?**
   - Yes: Have you completed your primary series of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine WITHIN the last 5 months OR completed the primary series of the J&J vaccine WITHIN the last 2 months? (Green Path)
   - No: Continue to wear a mask around others for an additional 5 days. If you can't quarantine, you MUST wear a mask for 10 days. Test on day 5, if possible. (Red Path)

2. **Have you completed the primary series of your Pfizer or Moderna vaccine MORE THAN 5 months ago?**
   - Yes: Continue to wear a mask around others for an additional 5 days. If you can't quarantine, you MUST wear a mask for 10 days. Test on day 5, if possible. (Red Path)
   - No: Do you have any symptoms? If you do, stay home, isolate, get tested, and contact your healthcare provider if symptoms persist. (Red Path)

3. **Are you fully vaccinated but not boosted?**
   - Yes: Have you completed the primary series of your Pfizer or Moderna vaccine MORE THAN 2 months ago? (Green Path)
   - No: Continue to wear a mask around others for an additional 5 days. If you can't quarantine, you MUST wear a mask for 10 days. Test on day 5, if possible. (Red Path)

4. **Are you partially vaccinated or unvaccinated?**
   - Yes: You can leave your house and test on day 5. Wear a mask around others for 10 days. (Green Path)
   - No: Continue to wear a mask around others for an additional 5 days. If you can't quarantine, you MUST wear a mask for 10 days. Test on day 5, if possible. (Red Path)

*If you develop symptoms, stay home, isolate, get tested, and contact your healthcare provider if symptoms persist.*

*This guidance is for the general public. Healthcare related guidance is here.*

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