

RESOLUTION

The Town of Islesboro strongly requests that everyone follow the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus. A task force has formed to coordinate our local response. Things are changing quickly, and we are working to provide links and updates on the town website.

What Should I do?

- First and foremost, **wash your hands frequently** especially when returning home. When outside your home practice **social distancing**, maintaining a **distance of 6 feet from any other individual near you**. The Health Center also is encouraging people go outside by themselves for fresh air and exercise.
- **Shelter-in-Place**: Stay at home as much as you can to avoid contact with other members of the community. For anyone returning to Islesboro after travel and/or after proximity to large groups, **please shelter-in-place for 14 days**.
- Travel to and from the mainland **only for essential reasons**. We need to protect our local essential services (access to food, health care, fuel, etc.), and “flatten the curve”. Each trip to/from the mainland increases the potential for exposure. Across the world the definition of essential has changed as infection spreads. We can protect ourselves early by being stringent with how we each define what our essential needs are NOW. **Please stay home as much as you can**.
- If you must travel, daily commuters must follow all the guidelines of the Maine State Ferry Service (MSFS) to prevent the spread of the coronavirus while traveling to and from the island. Once on island commuters must follow the CDC’s coronavirus guidelines, especially **social distancing** at all times.
- Any individual from the mainland who suspects that he/she may have come in contact with someone with the coronavirus or is not feeling well should immediately shelter in place and do not travel to Islesboro.
- Any individual on Islesboro who suspects that he/she may have come in contact with someone with the coronavirus or is not feeling well should immediately shelter in place and contact the Islesboro Health Center for further instructions.

How Can We Protect Our Essential Services?

- **Health Center:** our health center is marshalling all resources to be prepared. We must help them by following all recommendations to stay healthy and keep our community healthy.
- **Food:** our island stores are well stocked, and have each established new guidelines to keep customers and employees safe. Support them with your business, and strictly follow their changes in operation.
- **Fuel/Freight and Mail:** Work with the island's fuel oil suppliers to allow them to keep sufficient reserves on island and allow continued services.
- **Ferry:** abide by all instructions and rules established by MSFS. Keep a social distance from all crew members. Do not ride on the ferry if anyone is feeling sick unless going to seek medical treatment. Stay in your vehicle, keep windows closed, do not converse with others while in the ferry line or on the boat.
- **Utilities:** The Town Manager has contacted CMP to learn of their contingency plan. There also needs to be a contingency plan for broadband services, such as making sure the bucket truck is operational at all times, stockpile anticipated replacement items to keep the system operating & a program to monitor the system daily.

Assistance: We recognize these recommendations require hardships. There are a number of local, state and federal programs that remain available and are being designed specifically to provide assistance for hardships experienced as a result of the coronavirus. We will continue to update information about the resources available on our website, and encourage residents to use these resources during these difficult times.

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Special Select Board Meeting

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