

# Bustins Island Coronavirus Response

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Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Bustins Island Board of Overseers is taking the following steps to protect the health of the general public, as well as island employees and Town of Freeport emergency responders. Cumberland County is the hotspot in Maine for the coronavirus. Therefore, the island will remain in winter mode with no public services available until further notice. We will be updating this document as things evolve. Please visit <http://bivc.net/> for the latest updates. **We are highly recommending that islanders refrain from going to the island until further notice for the health and safety of all. Stay home, stay safe.**

1. The Board of Overseers is following State and Federal guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus. We ask that all individuals, public entities and businesses follow CDC guidance. Click <https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/news/governor-mills-issues-stay-healthy-home-mandate-2020-03-31> for information on the Maine Governor Mills' Stay-At-Home Executive Order which is in effect through May 31<sup>st</sup> and may be extended.
2. **Please follow your individual state's mandates surrounding COVID-19 response.**
3. Effective 4/4/20, the following facilities are closed until further notice:
  - a. Community House
  - b. Brewer Cottage
  - c. Post Office/ Library/ Historical Society/ Nature Center/ Safety Room Buildings
  - d. Green shed at Public Dock
  - e. All public outhouses
  - f. BIVC Wells
  - g. Honey wagon
  - h. All public recreational areas
4. Public transportation, for the safety of our boat captains, crew, passengers and the island truck driver, the Lilly B and island truck services, including trash pickup services are on hold until further notice. Island trucks, tractors and equipment are not available for personal use.
5. All social events and programs have been cancelled or postponed until further notice.
6. Short-term/seasonal rentals on the island are prohibited per ME state mandate
7. Everyone should follow the mandates and recommendations set forth by the federal government, the State of Maine and other states:
  - a. Stay home, stay safe (ME state mandate in place)
  - b. All travelers coming into Maine must directly quarantine for 14 days (ME state mandate in place)
  - c. Wash your hands frequently
  - d. Do not touch your face
  - e. When out of the home remain at least 6 feet apart from other persons (ME state mandate in place)
  - f. Wear a face covering when in public to reduce risk of spreading the disease
8. Please utilize the following sources of information to keep informed and to read the most up to date, accurate and unbiased official information on the COVID-19 pandemic. We recommend that cottagers read and closely follow the guidance provided by the Maine and US CDCs in order to minimize the threat to themselves and others from COVID-19.
  - a. Maine CDC Website: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus.shtml>
  - b. US CDC Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
  - c. Within Maine you can also dial 2-1-1, which is now set up to handle Coronavirus inquiries: <https://211maine.org/>
9. Emergency Rescue: The Lilly B will **not** be available for emergency transport. If you have COVID-19 symptoms DO NOT CALL 911. Call 211 or your personal doctor for directives first. If you are in need of rescue for other medical emergencies call 911. All rescue services are being taxed to their fullest right now. Please consider your need to put yourself and others at risk during this time and adding to the already burdened health care system.

## Additional COVID-19 Information

- Center for Disease Control (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/>, <https://www.facebook.com/CDC>
- Federal Government <https://www.coronavirus.gov/>
- Maine COVID-19 Resources <https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/covid-19>
- Gov. Mills COVID-19 <https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/news/governor-mills-issues-stay-healthy-home-mandate-2020-03-31>
- Maine CDC <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/>, <https://www.facebook.com/MaineCDC>
- Maine Municipal <https://memun.org/Coronavirus-Resources>, <https://www.facebook.com/MaineMunicipal>
- Cumberland County <https://www.cumberlandcounty.org/AlertCenter.aspx>
- Brewer/Strouts Point COVID-19 Update 4/15 - see attachment

**Maine State of Emergency in effect through June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**