

TOWN OF LONG ISLAND, MAINE

COVID – 19 UPDATES

DATE: March 19, 2020

CASCO BAY LINES

During a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors on Thursday, March 19, the Casco Bay Island Transit District Board of Directors voted unanimously to delegate temporary authority to the General Manager and the President of the Board to manage operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Following that meeting, CBL has initiated a temporary reduction in service.

The amended Long Island Schedule effective March the 21st has boats departing Portland at 5:00 AM, 7:45 AM, Noon, 4:15 PM and 5:45 PM. Departures from Long Island are at 6:40 AM, 8:40 AM, 2:20 PM, 4:55 PM and 7:25 PM..

Please visit the CBL website for more information on this change.

(<https://www.cascobaylines.com/alerts/temporary-reduction-in-service-in-response-to-covid-19/>)

ISLAND EMS CALLS

Residents are urged to **first** call their doctor if they suspect that they have Covid-19. Symptoms include a dry cough, fever and shortness of breath. **In an emergency situation**, please call 911 and not members of LIF&R directly. Inform the 911 Operator that you may have Covid-19 so that the responding Long Island EMS Unit can be prepared upon arrival at your home.

WELLNESS CENTER

Maine Health Care at Home has suspended all clinics for the immediate future. This impacts the Long Island Wellness Center where clinics are held on the first and third Mondays of each month.

The Wellness Center, Library and the School are working on facility use protocols during the Covid-19 pandemic.

MEETING UPDATES

- ❑ Board of Selectmen, Thursday, March 26th, (Tentatively On if Remote Access Available)
- ❑ Finance Committee Budget Presentation, Saturday, March 21st, Postponed (Materials Now Posted On Website).
- ❑ Planning Board Meeting on Land Use Ordinance, Saturday, March 28th, Postponed. (Materials To Be Posted On-Line When Available).
- ❑ Wellness Center Clinic, Monday, April 6th, Possibility of Being Postponed.

GOVERNORS EXECUTIVE ORDER (3/18/20)

Gov. Janet Mills issued an Executive Order that includes the following:

Prohibits gatherings of more than 10 people statewide. Gatherings subject to this order are those that are primarily social, personal, and discretionary events, not work-related events. Such gatherings include, but are not limited to: community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based events; social clubs; sporting events with spectators; concerts, conventions, fundraisers, parades, fairs, and festivals; and any similar event or activity in a venue such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, theater, gymnasium, fitness center or private club.

Closes dine-in facilities at all restaurants and bars statewide, beginning at 6 p.m. today. All restaurants and bars shall close their dine-in facilities. Businesses that offer carry-out, delivery, and drive-through service may continue to do so, but eating and drinking inside restaurants and bars is temporarily prohibited. Businesses offering carry-out, delivery, and drive-through service should employ social distancing best practices and minimize gathering of customers. The Governor urges Maine people to continue to support our establishments by purchasing take-out meals or by buying gift cards or other measures of support.

In addition, Governor Mills strongly urged non-essential public-facing businesses, such as gyms, hair salons, theatres, casinos, shopping malls, to close their doors for the next two weeks to minimize public gatherings. This does not include businesses

that provide essential services including, but not limited to: food processing, agriculture, industrial manufacturing, construction, trash collection, grocery and household goods (including convenience stores), home repair and hardware and auto repair, pharmacy and other medical facilities, biomedical and health care, child care, post offices and shipping outlets, insurance, banks, gas stations, laundromats, veterinary clinics and animal feed and supply stores, shipping stores, public transportation, and hotel and commercial lodging.

GROCERY STORES/PHARMACIES

Stores continue to re-stock their shelves and many items not available a few days ago are now stocked. Please check the hours of operation as they may have changed to assist the elderly as well as to re-stock shelves.

REMINDERS

Vigorously wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds.

Offer support to our elderly and those at risk. Let's demonstrate our generosity and caring for all.

Stay Informed.

Town notifications, policies and decisions will be issued through the Town Administrator and School notifications, policies and decisions will come through the Superintendent.