

Advisory from the Isle au Haut Selectboard

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We are posting a very STRONG advisory message regarding travel to and from the Island of Isle au Haut, Maine.

**Take it seriously because we have an aging community and no medical facilities.
Avoiding the COVID-19 virus is our goal.**

We, the Selectboard of Isle au Haut, cannot restrict the right to travel, but we are STRONGLY encouraging visitors, and non year-round residents not to come to Isle au Haut. We encourage you to stay put where you are if at all possible. We are asking you to comply with these suggestions because our public health depends on your response.

Here are suggestions:

1. All travel to the island shall be limited to “essential purposes.” Essential purpose shall mean to receive or provide medical care, to provide direct caregiving to people that reside on the island, to resupply food items, fuel and other items required for human consumption, habitation and wellbeing.
2. People who do not reside on the island year-round or have a primary home on Isle au Haut, should not travel to the island due to the significant increase in risk associated with the transmission of COVID-19. ** If you travel from other states or areas with the COVID-19 virus, you impose yourself in a 14 day quarantine. You also notify the IAH Boat Services you are planning to come so they can prepare.
3. If there are contractors or subcontractors coming to Isle au Haut that do not live on Isle au Haut, we are asking they go to the job they are working on and leave after the job is completed. We ask they social distance at least 6 ft. with people in town. We ask they do not go into the store or Post Office. They may call the store and make arrangements with store keepers as needed.
4. People on the island shall avoid close human contact with people other than their families or others with whom they reside.
5. People on the island shall not meet in groups larger than ten persons.
6. People who believe they have come in close contact with a person who has COVID-19 or have contracted COVID-19 shall remain in their home for at least 14 days and shall contact our EMT or Island Family Medicine 207-367-2311
7. You do not use Isle au Haut as a “safe haven” because it becomes the opposite for the year-round community. State Government has ask you not to travel. Please do not travel to Isle au Haut from further than the Blue Hill Peninsula.

*****Face covering must be worn on the IAH Mailboat and in public spaces where 6ft distancing is not possible.**

Signed by Selectboard: Peggi Stevens, Daniel MacDonald, Abigail Hiltz