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Chebeague Community Survey on Covid

Chebeague in the Time of Covid

Chebeague Island has faced the Covid-19 global pandemic with many changes to island life. Rarely has something encompassed the entire community so completely - changing the way we come and go from the island, impacting where and how we work, learn, shop, serve and live to how we care for one another from a distance, or cautiously masked from nearby.

The volunteers from a wide range of island organizations (nonprofit, business and Town) came together for the Community Action Response Team (CART) in mid-March after the state of Maine issued an emergency declaration. The aim of CART is to help organize the community-wide response to Covid-19. Every island organization and individual has made adjustments to keep Chebeague safe during this health crisis.

While success is hard to measure, one key marker to date is that the island community has no recorded loss of life related to Covid-19. Nor have we had an outbreak (clinically defined by the CDC as 3 coronavirus cases linked to one another). As we send this survey, Maine has an average daily positivity rate is less than 1%, making us the second lowest in the nation according to Johns Hopkins University. Our positivity rates in Maine are falling. We all want to keep it that way. It is premature to celebrate or let our guards down, but there have been some silver linings.

Please help us understand how you feel Chebeague has coped so far during the Covid-19 crisis. We welcome your feedback, ideas and concerns. This 10-question survey is meant to help us reflect on where we have been, and where we are headed. **It should not take you more than 5-10 minutes. You may mail your completed survey with the stamped and addressed envelope enclosed.**

For any questions or further comments, please send an email to townofchebeaguecovid19@gmail.com or call the Town office at 846-3148. (Note: this is the same survey found online at Survey Monkey, posted on August 8 on chebeague.org - please do not fill out if you have already responded online.)



Question 1. Overall, I understand what is happening on Chebeague with the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic (choose one)

- Yes
- No

COMMENTS:

Questions 2: To best keep myself and others safe during the pandemic, I think it is important to (check one per category)

	Very Important	Somewhat important	Not Sure	Not Very Important	Not important at All
Wear a mask					
Socially distance at least 6 feet from others					
Frequently wash hands					
Disinfect surfaces regularly					
Stay at home					

COMMENTS:



Question 3. In the last two weeks, how often have I:(check one per category)

	Almost Always	Often	Someti mes	Rarely	Almost never
Socially distanced at least 6 feet from others					
Worn a mask in public					
Frequently washed my hands					
Disinfected surfaces that were frerquently touched by others					
Chosen to stay at home/ on my property instead of going out in public places					

Comments:

4. Overall, I would rate my own actions in terms of protecting myself and others on Chebeague from Covid-19 as:(choose one)

- Extremely effective
- Very effective
- Somewhat effective
- Not so effective
- Not at all effective

Comments:



5. Overall, I would rate other people's actions overall in terms of protecting me and others on Chebeague from Covid-19 as:(choose one)

- Extremely effective
- Very effective
- Somewhat effective
- Not so effective
- Not at all effective

Comments:

6. When I see someone from outside my household not following Covid-19 safety protocols, I speak directly to them and remind them of CDC guidelines (choose one)

- Very likely
- Likely
- Neither likely nor unlikely
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely

Can you explain why or why not?



7. How would you rate Chebeague's Covid-response efforts for: (check one for each category)

	Extremely effective	Very effective	Not Sure	Not very effective	Not effective at all
Communicating information about Covid-19					
Enforcing social distancing					
Implementing mask-wearing protocols					
Sanitizing public spaces					
Providing Covid-19 testing and medical support					
Adapting island systems and services (food, transportation, fire and rescue) to the pandemic					
Enforcement of Covid-19 executive orders by the Governor					
Information and support about how to quarantine or isolate					
Managing the change in island population during the Summer					
Overall					

COMMENTS:



8. What are you MOST concerned about related to the virus? (PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR TOP FIVE)

- an outbreak in my family
- an outbreak on the island
- access to healthcare
- the economy
- school and education
- access to food
- the mental health of my family, self and/or loved ones
- broadband (ability to access telemedicine, remote learning, telecommuting)
- transportation
- rescue/emergency support from the island
- the island culture
- my job
- the island economy
- child care
- elder care

Please tell us more



9. I get my information about Covid-19 from (check all that apply)

- CDC
- State of Maine
- Chebeague Covid-19 Update
- chebeague.org
- townofchebeagueisland.org
- FaceBook
- ChebWeb.com
- CTC emails/texts
- Friends/family/neighbors
- Traditional news sources (print, onine,radio)
- The Calendar
- Bulletin Boards
- Social Media
- Word of mouth

10. The following describes me (select all that apply)

- I am a year-round resident
- I own a seasonal property
- I am a visitor
- I rent in the summer
- Under 30 years old
- Between 30-60 years old
- Over 60 years old



Is there anything else you would like to share about your Chebeague experience during the Covid-19 pandemic? Or things Chebeague could improve upon in dealing with Covid-19 as we head into the Fall?

Thank you for responding. Your voice is valuable and we respect your opinions and ideas.

Be safe. Be Kind.