



CASTINE MAINE U.S.A.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Returning Castine Residents
From: Shawn Blodgett
Date: March 20, 2020
Re: COVID-19 Statement

According to the Maine Center of Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) web page (<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus.shtml>) as of 12:00 Friday, March 20th, 2020, Hancock County has had 0 confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus – 2019 (COVID-19).

The current absence of confirmed cases should not be construed to mean that there is no danger. Like many communities in coastal Maine, Castine's population has a very high percentage of citizens who are at risk to the pandemic of COVID-19. I ask that each of you take this into consideration upon your return to Castine. This social compact between Castine residents should be exercised by all regardless of where you returned from, but especially if you are returning to Castine from an area of the United States or internationally that has been designated as an area of concern. As an example, one of the Castine Selectboard is currently in route from Florida and intends to self-isolate for 14 days upon his return. I implore each of you to follow this example.

Castine is, and will remain, a welcoming community. We are pleased to have you home but in this trying time, we ask that you practice self-isolation upon your return.

Shawn Blodgett
Town Manager