

MADLINE ISLAND/TOWN OF LA POINTE
COVID-19 STATEMENT FOR
RETURNING SEASONAL RESIDENTS & VISITORS
May 13, 2020

The Town of La Pointe Board of Supervisors, the Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce, and the Madeline Island Ferry Line are encouraging seasonal residents, guests, tourists, and those traveling through the area, to consider the challenges to the community in coming to Madeline Island while the State of Wisconsin is under the *Safer at Home Order*.

Only residents, property owners, essential businesses and service providers are allowed to come to the island while the Wisconsin Stay at Home order (No 16) is in effect until Tuesday, May 26. Dine in restaurants, bars and lodging facilities are closed, with the exception of carry out menus. We have very limited access to a medical clinic, and limited options available for COVID-19 patients. The Town of La Pointe Volunteer Fire and Police Department, and Madeline Island Ambulance Service have limited medical supplies. There is no COVID-19 testing available on the Island. Memorial Medical Center in Ashland is the only hospital within an hour of Madeline Island with an intensive care unit.

We want you to know that our most heartfelt wish is to welcome you back to Madeline Island. One thing for certain right now, is that the State of Wisconsin guidelines and CDC advice on reopening are changing daily. While the Wisconsin Stay at Home order remains in place, we are getting ready to ensure your next trip to Madeline Island is memorable.

We are joining our Ashland County Health Department in recommending those seasonal residents and tourists who return to Madeline Island self-quarantine for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms or known exposure. Wear masks and practice social distancing in public. Bringing everything you need to minimize both COVID-19 exposure, minimize local shopping and post office visits when you arrive so together we can help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus and save lives. If you love the Island, self-quarantining is a must to protect everyone.

But, Island days are ahead.

Just like you, our island community is poised and patiently awaiting the reopening of Madeline Island. When the time is right, it is our promise to you, that we will do everything we can to make sure that your visit will be safe, family friendly, and fun. From the moment you board the ferry to the island, visit a retail shop, enjoy a meal, walk through our downtown, you will be confident that your health and safety is our top priority. Until then, plan now to visit us later, it will be worth the wait. **We miss you!!**

Town of La Pointe



Madeline Island Ferry Line



Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce

