The Town of Chebeague Island is following State and Federal guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus. We ask that all individuals, public entities and businesses stay up-to-date as the guidance evolves.

Guidance from the Town of Chebeague’s Fire and Rescue Chief

COVID-19 has reached the community-spread level in Cumberland County.

**Overview of Symptoms and Response Procedures for COVID-19.**

The virus is clinically defined as having any combination of fever, dry cough, and shortness of breath.

*Call your primary care provider right away* if you begin to have any combination of these symptoms. Your provider will tell you what to do after reviewing your symptoms with you.

Your provider will recommend that you stay home, self-monitor and self-isolate if your symptoms do not require emergency care. This puts the fewest people at risk of contracting the illness.

*If you do not have a provider, call 211*; they will place you in contact with a health care professional to assist you.

*If your provider recommends testing*, Casco Bay Lines is prepared to transport you to Portland for testing if you do not require emergency transport.

Arrive at Chandlers Wharf five minutes before the ferry’s scheduled departure. Once all passengers are on board the ferry, approach the landing area and inform the crew that you have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and have been asked to travel to Portland to get tested by your provider. The crew will instruct you to put on a mask; they will provide you with the mask. They will then direct you to a secluded area on the boat to sit for the duration of the trip. Let all passengers disembark the vessel in Portland before you.
If your situation changes and you need emergency care, call 911. Chebeague’s Rescue Crew is ready and equipped to handle this. We will respond to you and ensure your safe transport to the mainland.

It is imperative that you answer the 911 dispatcher’s questions about any fevers, cough, shortness of breath. Be prepared to give clear, honest answers to their questions on your travel history, or the travel history of your family member, or guest, who is ill. This will give the Rescue Crew on Chebeague and on the Mainland the information required to help protect themselves from contracting COVID-19. We have a dedicated Rescue Crew determined to stay ready to serve you and the whole community. You will be in good hands.

Remember, the Chebeague Rescue Crew remains on call 24/7 for all emergencies throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Just call 911. These special procedures apply only to suspected COVID-19 cases.