



Town of China News – August 14, 2020

I am excited to announce that China has been approved for grant funding under the latest round of Keep Maine Healthy 2020 Municipal COVID-19 Awareness Campaign Round 2. We will receive reimbursement for up to \$31,360 in COVID-19 related expenses as applied for under the grant provisions. China will be promoting awareness to help keep residents and visitors to China safe.

One of the major highlights of the grant application is the securing the funds to purchase a digital sign for the transfer station. Because the transfer station is a high traffic area, this sign will allow us to provide COVID-19 updates to the users of the transfer station, reminders to social distance and wear mask when you can't stay 6' apart, and any unplanned changes or closures that might impact the transfer station. Installation of the sign is projected for mid-October.

In the next few weeks, we will have touchless hand sanitizing stations installed at all 3 of our facilities along with additional cleaning time for high touch areas by our staff. The Code Enforcement Officer will have some availability to reach out to our local businesses to see if they have any questions or need assistance during this time. New informational signs regarding COVID-19 will also be posted at key locations on town properties.

Residents will receive a weekly mailing to update everyone on COVID-19 and related items. These mailings will be shared to our website and the Town of China Facebook page.

Stay happy and healthy and as always, please reach out if you have any questions.

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When we are not here to help you...

You can obtain FREE burning permits online at
WARDENSREPORT.COM
*you must be able to print the permit

You can register boats, atvs or snowmobiles or purchase hunting & fishing licenses at
maine.gov/ifw/
*you must be able to print the registration confirmation or license

China residents can renew motor vehicle registrations through rapid renewal at
sosonline.org
*you must be able to print the registration confirmation

Or follow our Helpful Links at
china.govoffice.com

Town Office Hours
Beginning August 1, 2020

Monday: 7:30 - 4:00
Tuesday: 7:30 - 6:00
Wednesday: 7:30 - 4:00
Thursday: 7:30 - 4:00
Friday: 7:30 - 2:00

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH 8:00 - 11:00

Any temporary changes due to a holiday will be posted on our website, china.govoffice.com, or on Facebook at Town of China, Maine.



From the Town Office:

At the Town Office we are currently allowing two customers (with a mask) at a time. All areas are sanitized after each customer. If you do not wish to enter the building, or if you do not have a mask, we are happy to assist you at our walk-up window located in the front of our building. To assist customers as quickly and efficiently as possible we ask that you bring in all proper documentation for the service you are requesting. If you are unsure, please call us at 207-445-2014. Insurance cards can be faxed to us at our new fax number: 207-445-2014.

Town Office COVID-19 Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 7:30-4:00, Tuesday 7:30-6:00, Friday 7:30-2:00 and the first Saturday of each month from 8:00-11:00. The Saturday schedule will be flexible to accommodate for holidays – the first Saturday of September falls of Labor Day weekend. **We will be closed on Saturday, September 5, 2020 but will be open on Saturday, September 12, 2020 instead.** Remember, many of the things you come into the office for can be done online.

Please keep in mind the state rules and regulations regarding traveling to and from Maine. If necessary, we can assist customers from out-of-state at our walk-up window.

From the State of Maine –

Mandates for Anyone Entering Maine:

Quarantine

It is mandated that all out-of-state travelers coming into Maine, as well as Maine residents returning to Maine, complete a 14-day quarantine upon arrival. This means:

- You need to arrive with enough food for 14 days or arrange to have food delivered to you. You cannot go out to grocery stores.
- Stay at home. You cannot go out to public places. **This includes the Town Office and Transfer Station.**
- Avoid contact with others, especially those who are at risk of severe COVID-19 illness



Negative PCR Test Result

The State will allow adults who have a negative COVID-19 PCR test collected no more than 72 hours before arriving in Maine to forgo the 14-day quarantine upon arrival in Maine. A non-PCR test, such as an antigen or antibody test, is not accepted to forgo quarantine for visitors and those returning to Maine. Maine is strongly urging visitors to “Know Before You Go,” meaning they should get tested and receive their test results in their home state before traveling to Maine, which will allow them to take appropriate action depending on the result. If you do not have the test result by the time you arrive, you must quarantine in your lodging until you receive the result. Individuals may be tested upon arrival in Maine as well, but they must quarantine while awaiting the results.

Additionally, the State will exempt residents from the following states from the testing and 14-day quarantine requirement altogether because, when adjusted for population, the prevalence of active cases of COVID-19 in these states is similar to Maine.

New Hampshire Vermont Connecticut New Jersey New York

