

Town of China News – August 21, 2020

When we started 2020, who would have thought we would be facing a global pandemic. While many of us can stay safe at home, others need to be out in the community for work, family visits, exercise, shopping, and other responsibilities. I just want to thank everyone for being mindful of each other while out and about in public. People's patience is wearing thin but remember, we are all in this together. I am thankful for our strong community ties and the helpful spirit of so many.

Without the volunteers throughout our community, many residents that cannot leave their homes would be without some of their most basic needs. Our local heroes have given their time and often money out of their own pockets to help others during these times. Sometimes it is a neighbor looking out for a neighbor. Others find a group or a church to volunteer for. Even buying something at the local store or picking up the tab for someone else at Dunkin' can change someone's outlook on the day. These may seem like little things but without these folks, community members like you, China would not be the great community it is.

If you need assistance during these times, please reach out to the China for a Lifetime Committee, area churches, the China Food Pantry, and the town office. We will get through these times because China residents are resilient. Visit the town's COVID-19 page on www.china.govoffice.com or feel free to reach out to us at (207) 445-2014.

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**The Town Office
Will be closed**

**Saturday, September 5, 2020 and
Monday, September 7, 2020.**

**We will be open Saturday,
September 12, 2020 in place of the
first Saturday of the month.**

The Transfer Station

**Will be Open Saturday, September 5,
2020 and closed as usual
Monday, September 7, 2020.**



**Remember, Many of The Things You Come
into The Office for Can Be Done Online.**

Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals at: SOSONLINE.ORG

Free Burn Permits at: WARDENSREPORT.COM

Registration renewals for ATVs, Snowmobiles, Boats & Hunting and
Fishing Licenses at: MAINE.GOV/IFW/

Must be able to print license or registration

You can also check out the "Helpful Links" tab on our
website! 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.

We would like to remind our seasonal residents and out of state visitors to follow the current State of Maine mandates for out of state visitors. **Please do not visit the Town Office or Transfer Station without following these mandates.** They can be found here:

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/travel.shtml#quarantine>

Text alerts

To receive updates on Maine's response to COVID-19, text **MECOVID** to **898-211** to sign up.

“Swab and Send” sites:

The new MaineHealth sites are due to open next week. These sites will send samples to the Maine CDC's Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory for testing and offer specimen collection free of charge to individuals who believe they may have COVID-19 or could have been exposed to the virus. These sites will operate as a drive-through testing facility. Appointments are required and may be made by phone. More information is available on MaineHealth's website: <https://mainehealth.org/coronavirus-covid-19/swab-and-send> For a complete and frequently updated list of COVID-19 testing sites in Maine, visit: [Get-Tested-COVID19.org](https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/covid-19/get-tested).

The 27 DHHS-sponsored swab and send sites are:

- Augusta: MaineGeneral
- Bangor: Northern Light
- Bar Harbor: MDI Hospital (currently operational for frontline workforce testing for participating businesses)
- Belfast: Penobscot Community Health Care (PCHC)
- Blue Hill: Northern Light
- Brewer: PCHC
- **Brunswick: MaineHealth (operational on August 24)**
- Calais: Calais Regional Hospital
- **Damariscotta: MaineHealth (operational on August 26)**
- Dover-Foxcroft: Northern Light
- Ellsworth: Northern Light
- **Farmington: MaineHealth (operational on August 27)**
- Fort Kent: Northern Maine Medical Center
- Greenville: Northern Light
- **Kittery: Promerica Health (mobile, operational on August 25)**
- Lincoln: Penobscot Valley Hospital
- **Norway: MaineHealth (operational on August 25)**
- Old Town: PCHC
- Portland: Northern Light
- Pittsfield: Northern Light
- Presque Isle: Northern Light
- **Rockport: MaineHealth (operational on August 27)**
- Sanford: York County Community Action Corp./Nasson Health Care
- **Skowhegan: Redington-Fairview General Hospital (operational in mid-September)**
- South Portland: Northern Light (mobile)
- Waterville: Northern Light
- Westbrook: City of Westbrook

The Department is also separately supporting York Hospital in its drive-through point-of-care testing site which has been open since July 1, 2020.

COVID-19 testing sites closest to China:

- **MaineGeneral (Augusta):** <https://www.mainehealth.org/about-us/mainegenerals-covid-19-response/covid-19-testing--screening/>
Testing is by appointment only. Appointments must be made by phone, Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Call 207-621-7590.
 - **Northern Light (Waterville):** <https://northernlighthealth.org/Resources/COVID-19/Testing/Asymptomatic>
Testing appointments can be booked online through their web page, or by calling 207-857-8174.
- More Covid-19 Testing Sites:**
- <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine/keepmainehealthy/testing>