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PIC Update: Peaks COVID 19 Response Committee

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A Peaks Island Council COVID 19 Response Committee has come together to encourage ways of helping our island community deal with the corona virus pandemic. The committee consists of a number of healthcare professionals who live or work on Peaks.

After an on-line meeting on Monday night, the following activities are underway:

- To confirm and publicize how and where to have COVID 19 screening done.
- To confirm and publicize transportation procedures for getting folks to health services on the mainland for COVID 19 screening and/or treatment.
- To create a COVID 19 screening capacity here on Peaks.
- To promote emergency credentialing of qualified Peaks residents to expand volunteer pool available to help with medical emergencies.
- To be mindful of the needs of our high-risk neighbors - the elderly, shut-ins, socially isolated, non-tech savvy, etc. to make sure they are informed and cared for.

The committee will post updates as work progresses on the above efforts and others as they develop. Please know that everyone's input is welcome. Please share any suggestions, offers to volunteer, offers to organize, etc., by posting on-line or by sending an email to me at randyschaeffer@gmail.com.

Our community will be facing many challenges in the months ahead. The list above is seen as the most immediately pressing. The situation is very fluid, changing every day, every hour. The list is a modest start. The challenges our community will face are unprecedented. It will take all of us working together, sharing, caring, persevering, to keep us all as safe as possible.

Please remember your neighbor who may not be connected to receive information via the internet. Share information with them and watch out for them. It will be all about neighbors helping neighbors.

Current members of the committee include: Buck Benedict, Kitty Gilbert, Will Green, Bud Higgins, Marge Powers, Chuck Radis, Noah Rosenberg, Randy Schaeffer, and Kathy Simmonds.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THOSE USING MAINE MEDICAL:

If you do have the symptoms of fever, coughing, and shortness of breath, call the Health Center (Mon., Wed., Fri, 8:30-3:00 PM) or Maine Health at 874-2466 or your primary care provider. They are set up to screen callers and help determine if a test is advisable. Currently, tests are only being conducted on the mainland. If you are not well and have to take the ferry, it is recommended that you go by car and keep the windows up.