

BIMC NEWS

The Block Island Medical Center

Physicals and Well-Child Visits

As we approach the time of year where the island's population and medical needs increase, we are reaching out to our patients.

To ensure we can provide our patients with ample and adequate time, we ask that all physicals, well-child visits, and sport-physicals be scheduled before June 1st or after September 1st.

Reminder to all guardians of school-age children, a physical is required before entering Kindergarten, 7th and 12th grade, and also for eligibility to participate in the Block Island School Athletic Program.

We encourage everyone to be proactive, plan and schedule accordingly. We have made these changes so we can give our patients the time and attention they deserve. Please call at 401-466-2974 to schedule your appointments.

Our Providers



Block Island Medical Center is excited to celebrate the one year anniversary with our healthcare providers Dr. Thomas Warcup, DO, MHA, and Nurse Practitioner Laurie Anderson MSN, APRN-C, MSN, CDOE. Coupled with a global pandemic and a 4% increase in patient visits, we are truly grateful for their commitment and dedication to our community. As Dr. Fauci said, you see true colors in a crisis and we are beyond thankful for our providers support during this unprecedented time.

Dr. Warcup and Laurie Anderson have a two-decade working relationship. They offer a full spectrum of healthcare from newborn to geriatrics. Never has there been a more important time to establish a relationship with your local healthcare providers. They are welcoming new and returning patients.



Lights of Love

Due to Covid-19 the Block Island Medical Center could not decorate our walls with the 2020 Lights of Love for people to come visit. However, we can put them on our site. Thank you to all those who donated to the Lights of Love Campaign.

Click here to see the [Lights of Love](#) list.

Free Mammography and Pap-Smears for Individuals without Insurance

Block Island Health Services is pleased to announce our partnership with Women's Cancer Screening Prevention to provide free pap smears and mammographies to individuals without insurance.

Pap smears will be done on island by a Provider at the Block Island Medical Center. Our staff will help arrange for a free mammogram with our local imaging partners at South County Hospital or XRA. Please call us at 401-466-2974 for more information.

Covid Vaccinations on BI

Block Island Medical Center has helped the town host 11 vaccine clinics, vaccinating healthcare workers, the eldest and the most vulnerable members of our community, as well as the staff at the Block Island School and the Early Learning Center. BIMC has fully vaccinated 392 people, and administered an additional 41 initial vaccinations, for a total of 825 shots. We thank the town of New Shoreham and the community for their expressions of appreciation and support.

As municipal sites are sunsetted, State Officials will be holding weekly vaccination clinics on island beginning in April. Clinics will be held Thursdays from 10:15-12:30. Eligibility will follow State guidelines and are intended for New Shoreham year-round residents. Residents who are interested in an appointment should sign up for the Vaccine Interest Notification List (VINL) at portal.ri.gov. After signing up, and registering, the State will later contact you with an appointment for your vaccination. Walkups will not be accepted.

Block Island residents will be prioritized by age. Residents who do not have internet or email access may have someone else sign them up for VINL on their behalf or can call 844-930-1779 for help. If there are unused doses, the clinic will also use the VINL list to call people for vaccination, starting with oldest to youngest.

Residents are encouraged to schedule vaccination appointments at State-run vaccination sites on www.vaccinateri.org or at mainland pharmacies. For more information on ways to make

a COVID-19 vaccination appointment, visit C19vaccineRI.org. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to 401-222-8022.

This is the only State provided number, so please be prepared for the line to be busy.



BIHS Board News

The BIHS Membership Drive will commence in May. Being a member not only supports BIHS financially, but members are allowed to vote in the Board of Directors election. Members will elect three new people to the board this spring. If you are interested in joining the BIHS Membership please go to our website at www.bihealthservices.com or [click here!](#) We are grateful for your membership and for your contribution to this vital community resource.

Big Block Island Welcome to our First Medical Students for 2021



Block Island Health Services welcomed our first rotation of Medical Students for the 2021 season and what a great bunch! These learners assist in clinical duties offering their fresh perspectives and insight. They allow our Providers to have more quality time with their patients, and bring a fresh energy into the Block Island Medical Center.



We're social!
Like. Follow. Share.
On your favorite social media sites!

In an attempt to constantly work towards improvement and better communication, the Block Island Health Services has relaunched all of our social media sites this past February. Due to the former social media sites for Block Island Health Services being connected to an inaccessible email, they were unusable by the current administrators. Therefore, we started fresh and connected all the sites properly to avoid this issue in the future.

Below are links our current facebook, twitter, instagram and youtube sites.

Please follow us for all the latest communications. Updates will still appear on the Block Island Bulletin Board as well. Block Island Medical Center will be also revamping our website over the next few months. Stay turned.

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