



May 6, 2020  
Manchester-by-the-Sea Board of Health  
COVID-19 Update

## ***Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea COVID-19 Case Report and Updates***

### **COVID-19 CASE COUNT**

#### **Manchester Positive Case Number as of Wednesday, May 6, 2020: 14**

In order to protect the privacy and confidentiality of individuals who test positive for COVID-19, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has asked that towns only publicly share **positive** case numbers.

Each **Wednesday** the Board of Health will continue to release an update on the COVID-19 cases in Manchester-by-the-Sea.

### **BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE**

**NEW!** Effective May 6, 2020 Governor Baker has ordered all residents over the age of 2 to wear a face covering in public spaces unless exempt by a specific medical condition. You must wear a mask when entering any public building, such as but not limited to, grocery stores, pharmacies, mass transit, retail, banks and dining establishments. You must also wear a mask outside only when proper social distancing of 6 feet is not possible. If you are unsure if you will encounter others within 6 feet on your walk outside **take your mask along to be safe!**

Please continue to practice the following everyday preventive actions:

- Practice social distancing and avoid groups larger than 10.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects with a disinfectant or regular household detergent and water.
- State of MA requires a face covering when in public spaces effective May 6, 2020.
- Follow the guidelines of [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov), [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), and [www.manchester.ma.us](http://www.manchester.ma.us)

If you have further questions for the Board of Health, please contact Ellen Lufkin at [lufkine@manchester.ma.us](mailto:lufkine@manchester.ma.us) or (978)526-7385.



## MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA COVID-19 GUIDELINES

- **NEW!** The Board of Selectmen approved the following **Phase I Reopening Plan** on May 4, 2020. On Saturday May 9, 2020 Masconomo Park, Reed Park and Tucks Point will reopen to **residents only** for **walking purposes only**. All playgrounds will remain closed by order of the State because of the high touch and high transmission risk. During the week of May 11, 2020 Tucks Point Docks will reopen to mooring holders (construction is currently being completed on the docks). Please contact the Harbormaster with any additional questions at [harbormaster@manchester.ma.us](mailto:harbormaster@manchester.ma.us)
- On April 28, 2020 Governor Baker extended the essential services emergency order to May 18th.
- The Manchester Essex Regional School District will remain closed for the remainder of the school year as ordered by the State on April 21, 2020. Remote learning will continue.
- MA issued new grocery store guidance on April 7, 2020 limiting occupancy to 40% including employees.
- Visit the Business Guide on the Town website to support local retail and food businesses offering services during this time. [Manchester Business Guide](#)
- The Manchester Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT), in collaboration with Action, Inc., a Gloucester-based human and social services agency, is offering short-term rental housing payment assistance to income eligible Manchester residents in response to job and income loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Contact Action, Inc. at 978-282-1000 or live chat at [Actioninc.org](http://Actioninc.org) for assistance.
- Annual Town Meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, June 22, 2020 at the Manchester Essex Regional High School.
- Town Election has been rescheduled to Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at the Manchester Essex Regional High School.
- Personal Property Tax, Real Estate Tax and Exemption Requests have been extended to June 1, 2020 due to new legislation and has been approved by the Board of Selectmen. For Tax questions contact Town Treasurer Jennifer Yaskell at [yaskellj@manchester.ma.us](mailto:yaskellj@manchester.ma.us) or (978)526-2030. For Exemption questions contact Town Assessor Ginny Thompson at [thompson@manchester.ma.us](mailto:thompson@manchester.ma.us) or (978)526-2010
- ALL Town Parks, Beaches, Athletic Fields and the corresponding parking lots have been closed since March 22, 2020 due to COVID-19 related guidance. *Failure to adhere to these restrictions could result in a fine.*
- DPW has made an update to trash collection guidelines due to COVID-19. All trash must be ENTIRELY contained within a tied orange bag. Nothing must be sticking out. For collector safety any bag not following these rules will be oops tagged, reported to the WM call center, and left behind. It will not be picked up as a missed collection. Large curbside items need to be called into WM as a special collection: 1-800-972-4545
- The Manchester Police Department and Council on Aging are assisting residents who need delivery of local groceries and prescriptions. To make a request please contact the Police Department at (978)526-1212.



## MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA COVID-19 COMMUNICATION PLAN

All COVID-19 related information will continue to be conveyed to the public through the Town website ([www.manchester.ma.us](http://www.manchester.ma.us)), email alerts, Town social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter), the Manchester Cricket and reverse 911 calls (when necessary). Residents are encouraged to follow at least one of these mediums to stay informed.

The Board of Health and Board of Selectmen will update the public daily (as needed) when new guidelines are released from the State or when important changes occur to Manchester-by-the-Sea operations and services.