



October 7, 2020
Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea
Manchester Board of Health
COVID-19 and EEE Update

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Manchester Total Positive Case Number as of Wednesday, October 7, 2020: 23

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.

EEE UPDATE

Manchester Total Positive Mosquito Testing Results as of Wednesday, October 7: 0
(This number is based on mosquito collection and testing completed 9/28/20 – 10/2/20)

Each **Wednesday** the Board of Health will update the community on the prevalence of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus in Manchester-by-the-Sea testing samples.

BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE

Flu Vaccine Now Required for all Massachusetts School Students Enrolled in Child Care, Pre-School, K-12, and Post-Secondary Institutions [MA Flu Vaccine Requirement](#)

Please continue to practice the following preventive actions for COVID-19:

- Avoid groups larger than 25 indoors and 50 outdoors.
- Maintain a social distance of 6 feet from others.
- Wear a face covering inside public spaces, outside when a 6 ft. distance is not possible, and in groups over 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.
- Follow the guidelines of www.mass.gov, www.cdc.gov, and www.manchester.ma.us

If you have further questions for the Board of Health, please contact Ellen Lufkin at lufkine@manchester.ma.us.



MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA COMMUNITY UPDATES

- **NEW!** Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2020 in observance of Columbus Day. Trash, Recycling and Compost collection will operate on a one-day delay.
- **NEW!** Trick-or-treating in Manchester-by-the-Sea will take place on October 31st from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. To protect public health and safety, residents are asked to **trick or treat in your own neighborhood** this year. Streets will not be blocked off in the Village. Please place candy in front of your home (near driveway, sidewalk, or yard) to make it clear you are participating. Do not have children approach front doors or ring doorbells. Please also wear a mask when within 6ft of other families. Any residents not participating should leave their front lights off. Safe alternative activities are being planned. More detail to come!
- **NEW!** The Board of Assessors has received Preliminary Certification from the Department of Revenue on the new assessments proposed for FY2021. The new proposed assessments will be available for review by taxpayers through Monday, October 19, 2020, at the Assessor's Office counter terminal and on-line [here](#).
- **NEW!** Tucks Point Chowder House reservations for 2021 will open to residents only on Thursday, October 15th at 5 p.m. in Town Hall Room #5. Reservation forms are [here](#). Masks are required.
- **NEW!** Small Business Grants – A second round of grants for grant funding is available to cover COVID-19 related expenses. The deadline to apply is October 23, 2020. The grants are for businesses with five or fewer employees and whose owners earn 80% or less of the area's family median income. Learn if you qualify and apply [here](#).
- **NEW!** Last Day to take the Limited Commercial District (40R) Survey! We are asking residents to complete the following survey to share your priorities for the upper School Street area, including what types of uses should be supported, how the new neighborhood should look and feel, and how it could connect to and interact with the greater community. [LCD Survey](#)
- **NEW!** The Manchester Police Department is hosting a Drug Take Back Day on Saturday October 24, 2020 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. behind the Police Department near the garage. Learn more [here](#).
- Manchester-by-the-Sea is now in MA Phase 3 Step 2 of reopening. Visit [Mass.gov](#) to learn more.
- The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MA-DPH) is asking residents to take a survey about the impacts of COVID-19 in your community. [MA DPH Survey](#)
- Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. Proper COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place. Early voting will start at Town Hall on October 17th. The last day to register to vote is Saturday, October 24, 2020. Voting by mail is also an option – send in your request to the Town Clerk's Office if you did not do so prior to the primary election. [MBTS Election Information](#)
- Licensing is required to operate in-home "learning pods" for K-12 students in MA. Please contact the Selectmen's Office for more information. To read the official guidance please visit [Governor Baker's Order on Childcare During School](#) and [Guidance from EEC and DECE](#).



MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA COMMUNITY UPDATES (Continued)

- Manchester Beach Update: All Manchester beaches will remain open to residents only through October 15th. The Parks and Recreation Department and the Manchester Police Department will continue to staff Singing Beach on weekends and on warmer weekdays. Parking stickers and beach tags will be required to access the beach during this time.
- The MA Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) issued an amendment to the MA Phase 3 Recreational Boating Guidelines. All users while on boat ramps, docks and piers shall follow social distancing. Rafting-up or tying-up of boats is limited to **no more than 3 vessels**.
- Governor Baker issued a Community Level Data Map to help keep residents informed about COVID-19. [COVID-19 Community Map](#)
- On August 11, 2020, Governor Baker reduced the outdoor gathering limit to 50 people. The indoor gathering size limit remains at 25. [Mass.gov](#)
- A face covering is required in groups larger than 10.
- Restaurants may only serve alcohol on-site if accompanied by orders for food prepared on-site.
- A Travel Order is in effect per order of the Governor. Please read requirements on traveling to and from Massachusetts. [MA Travel Order](#). Complaints should be directed to DPH.COVID.Complaints@mass.gov
- COVID-19 testing sites [COVID-19 Interactive Map of Testing Sites](#)
- Business & Workplace Complaints: Residents or employees who wish to take steps to report a business or workplace that is non compliant with reopening standards and protocols may contact: Department of Labor Standards (DLS) safepublicworkplacemailbox@mass.gov, COVID-19 Hotline 211 or the Manchester Board of Health [BOH Complaint Form](#)
- Visit the Business Guide on the Town website to find hours and services offered by our local retail and food businesses. [Manchester Business Guide](#)
- 2020 Mosquito Control Plan can be found [here](#). Opt-out instructions can be found [here](#).
- 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 and mortgage 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 for assistance.
- 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.
- 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 COMMUNICATION PLAN

All COVID-19 related information will continue to be conveyed to the public through the Town website (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.

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