



February 3, 2021  
Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea  
Manchester Board of Health  
COVID-19 Community Update

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

#### COVID-19 UPDATE

**Manchester Total Positive Case Number (to date) as of Wednesday, February 3, 2021: 178**

**Active Cases: 6**

*(Last week's COVID-19 numbers reported on 1/27/21: Total cases – 174, Active cases – 10)*

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has instructed all local boards of health with populations less than 10,000 to only report total positive cases: "In order to protect privacy and confidentiality of individuals who test positive for COVID-19. We understand that many boards of health find value in sharing community-specific data as part of a risk communication plan and to keep the public informed about the scope of the local public health effort. If you choose to share numbers of cases for these purposes, please do so with the highest regard for privacy and confidentiality by not including any information other than the case count."

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

#### BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE

**REMINDER! Personal responsibility will help bring our numbers down. Wear a face covering, stick with your own household, practice social distancing, stay home if you are sick and get tested.**

**Violations as of 2/3/21:** The Board of Health and Manchester Police have not issued any new violations in the past week.

**COVID-19 Testing:** [Mass.gov COVID Testing Information](https://www.mass.gov), [COVID-19 Testing Site Locator](#), [Stop the Spread Sites](#)

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

- Avoid indoor gatherings.
- Avoid gathering with non-household members.
- Wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer.
- Wear face masks when in public places/spaces, at any distance.
- If you do not feel well, stay home except to get COVID-19 tested.
- If you think you have been exposed, isolate at home, until you get tested.
- If you test positive or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive, please answer the phone call from the Board of Health to received guidance and complete contact tracing.
- Follow the guidelines of [www.mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov), [www.cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov), and [www.manchester.ma.us](https://www.manchester.ma.us)

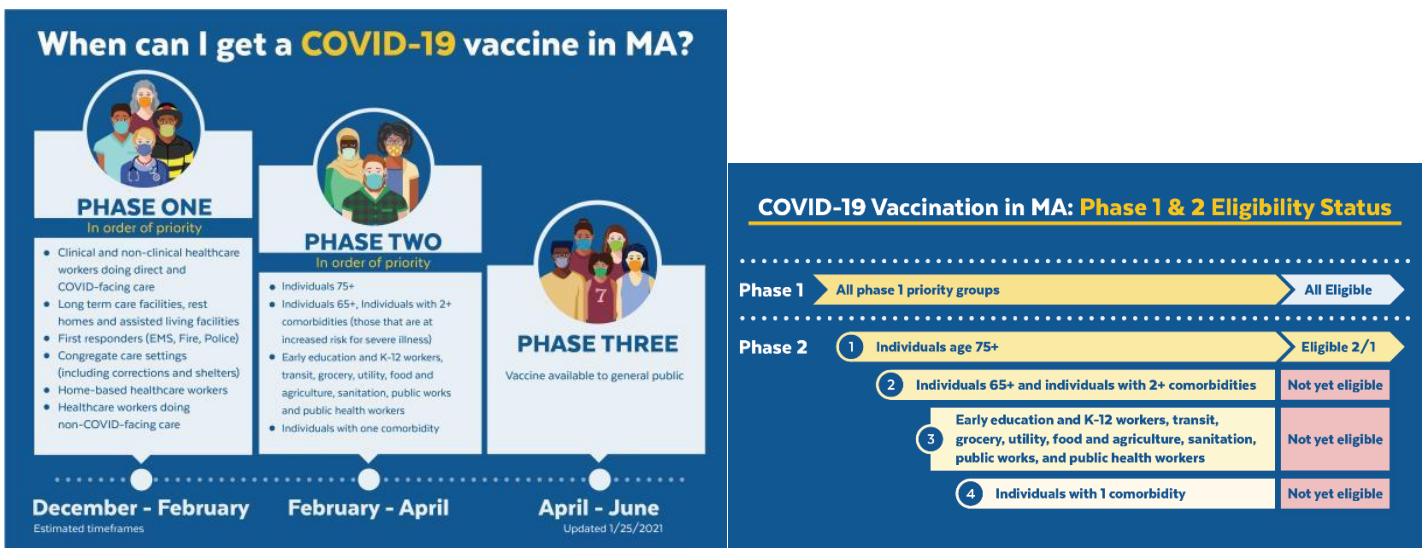
If you have further questions for the Board of Health, please contact Ellen Lufkin at [lufkine@manchester.ma.us](mailto:lufkine@manchester.ma.us).



## NEW MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA COMMUNITY UPDATES

- **NEW! COVID-19 Vaccine for Veterans:** The Department of Veterans Affairs is holding a Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic for Veterans over 60 enrolled in the VA healthcare system this weekend (2/6-2/7) in Gloucester. Veterans interested in receiving the Vaccine should call 978-281-9740 to schedule an appointment.
- **NEW! MA Medical Reserve Corps:** Thank you to the residents who have contacted the Town to generously offer volunteer services in the effort to fight COVID-19. The MA Medical Reserve Corp is looking for volunteers at the local level, both medical and non-medical. Click [here](#) to register.
- **NEW! COVID-19 Vaccine Update:** Residents 75 and older are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Appointments are required. Click on the following link to learn more and to book an appointment: [COVID Vaccine](#) MA will continue to add more appointments as vaccine supply is received.
- **NEW! 40B Workshop:** The next 40B Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed 40B project. Meeting details, agenda, FAQ, project application and past recordings can be found [here](#).
- **NEW! Excise Tax:** Excise tax bills have been mailed. If you do not receive a bill for each vehicle registration by February 22 please contact the Tax Collectors Office at 978-526-2030. Payment can be made online or placed in the drop box behind Town Hall.
- **NEW! Annual Report Photo Call:** Do you have 2020 photos you would like to share for the Annual Town Report? Please email them to Tiffany Marletta at [marlettat@manchester.ma.us](mailto:marlettat@manchester.ma.us)

### Current Vaccine Distribution Timeline:





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

- Survey Measuring COVID-19 Economic Impacts: The Department of Economics and the School of Public Policy of the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) and Indiana University are conducting a national study that examines the profound direct and indirect impacts of COVID-19 on households. [COVID-19 Survey](#)
- Beach Stickers: 2021 Beach Stickers go on sale Monday, February 1 online or via mail. Please click [here](#) for complete details and instructions. 2020 Parking Stickers are valid through May 31, 2021. *New rule for 2021! Stickers must be placed inside the front, driver side windshield in the upper left-hand corner.*
- Facts about the COVID-19 Vaccine: [Vaccine Distribution Details Vaccine FAQ](#)
- Vaccine Phases: Find the most current information on the phases of the vaccine distribution [here](#).
- COVID-19 Vaccination Questions: You can e-mail questions to: [COVID-19-Vaccine-Plan-MA@mass.gov](mailto:COVID-19-Vaccine-Plan-MA@mass.gov)
- Travel Guidance for Arriving in MA: [MA Arrival Travel Order](#)
- MA COVID-19 Dashboard: [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- Annual Town Nominations: Interested in running for local office? Nomination papers for Manchester-by-the-Sea's Annual Town Election are available to mail out to candidates—by request. Complete details can be found [here](#).
- Gathering Size Reminder: The current gathering order allows up to 10 indoors and 25 outdoors. [MA Gathering Order](#)
- Singing Beach Reminder: A mask is required, *at ALL times*, when visiting Singing Beach in accordance with the MA Face Covering Order. Please do not gather in large groups. Each person is limited to a maximum of two dogs.
- MA Quarantine Instructions: The state has updated the quarantine guidelines. If you have been instructed to quarantine, please adhere to the following rules: [Quarantine Instructions](#)
- MA Rolls Back to Phase 3 Step 1: The new restrictions took effect on December 13. Please read the following guidance: [MA Phase 3 Step 1](#)
- Town Hall is Closed to the Public: Town Hall will be closed to the public until further notice. Staff will be available during normal business hours via appointment, phone or email. [Staff Directory](#)
- Allen's Pharmacy COVID-19 Testing Site: Allen's Pharmacy is operating a COVID-19 PCR testing site. Appointments are required and can be scheduled [here](#). Information on Veritas PCR Testing can be found [here](#).
- Face Covering Order for MA: All persons over the age of 5 are required to wear a face covering in all public spaces, indoor and outdoor, regardless of distance. (effective 11/6/20) [Face Covering Order](#)
- MA Carpooling Guidance: To ensure passenger safety from COVID-19 please take the following precautions when traveling by car: Limit the number of occupants, all occupants should wear a face covering, open vehicle windows, clean touch points frequently.



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

- 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](mailto:DPH.COVID.Complaints@mass.gov)
- Licensing is required to operate certain 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](#).
- Restaurants may only serve alcohol on-site if accompanied by orders for food prepared on-site.
- 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](mailto:safepublicworkplacemailbox@mass.gov), COVID-19 Hotline 211 or the Manchester Board of Health [BOH Complaint Form](#)
- 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](http://Actioninc.org) for assistance.
- 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](http://www.manchester.ma.us)), email alerts, Town social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) and the Manchester Cricket. Residents are encouraged to follow at least one of these mediums to stay informed.

Reverse 911 calls ([Code Red](#)) will be used when necessary.

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.

Would you like to receive important Town notices, such as this, via email? Subscribe to email alerts at [Notify Me](#). Under Alert Center choose “*MBTS Alerts*” (for time sensitive and emergency information) and under News Flash choose “*MBTS News Updates*” (for important MBTS events and updates).

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