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Manchester-by-the-Sea COVID-19 Update

For Immediate Release

Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea Implements New Restrictions Due to COVID-19

Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA – On Sunday, March 22, 2020 the Manchester-by-the-Sea Board of Selectmen, by recommendation of the Manchester Board of Health, voted unanimously to close all Manchester-by-the-Sea public beaches, all public parks, all athletic fields, all tennis courts and corresponding parking lots. Effective immediately and until further notice.

Also, the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to close all personal care businesses in Manchester-by-the-Sea such as hair salons, spas, massage studios, estheticians and small exercise studios including yoga. Effective immediately and until further notice.

The new measures are implemented at this time to reinforce the recommendations of State (www.Mass.gov) and Federal (www.cdc.gov) Government agencies to encourage the practice of social distancing and to avoid the state-mandated gathering of crowds larger than 25 in order to protect the public's health. These restrictions will further shield our most vulnerable population from the ongoing threat of COVID-19 as well as preserve the health of our first responders.

Eli Boling, Board of Selectmen Chair, stated "This is all about public safety in this critical period when we are trying to prevent the rapid spread of COVID 19. As much as we hate to have to do this, the science tells us not allowing people to congregate is one of our best strategies."

Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Board of Selectmen or Manchester Police Department.