



May 20, 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 Total Positive Case Number as of Wednesday, May 20, 2020: 16**

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

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!**

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).



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

- **NEW! Phase 2 of Manchester-by-the-Sea Reopening of Parks and Beaches** will take effect on Monday, May 25, 2020. Singing Beach and Black and White Beach will reopen to RESIDENTS ONLY with limited access. Tennis Courts will reopen with safety guidelines in place. Please read the complete guidelines here: [Phase 2 MBTS Reopening Guidelines](#)
- **NEW!** Drive through sale of beach stickers, resident stickers, dog licenses, boat and mooring placards and business placards will be held on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. at MERHS. Before attending please read the following event guidelines [Drive Through Guidelines](#). Checks only will be accepted!
- **NEW!** On Monday, May 18, 2020 Governor Baker initiated Phase 1 of the MA Reopening Plan for Non-essential Businesses. To view the new state guidelines please visit [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov)
- 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 through June 19, 2020.
- 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 on the athletic field with social distancing measures in place.
- 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. For Tax questions contact Town Treasurer Jennifer Yaskell at [yaskellj@manchester.ma.us](mailto:yaskellj@manchester.ma.us). For Exemption questions contact Town Assessor Ginny Thompson at [thompsong@manchester.ma.us](mailto:thompsong@manchester.ma.us).
- Town Parks are open under specific guidelines. Beaches and tennis courts will open on May 25, 2020 with limited access. Athletic Fields and the corresponding parking lots remain closed due to COVID-19.
- 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.