



June 24, 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, June 24, 2020: 20

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! The Board of Health is seeking a new board member who is a medical doctor. The Board of Health is comprised of five appointed members and is responsible for the enforcement of State and Local public health regulations related to a wide variety of specialties. Click here to start the application process [MBTS Volunteer Application](#)

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, 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 COVID-19 GUIDELINES

- **NEW!** Town Election is on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at the Manchester Essex Regional High School from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Public health protocols will be in place and masks are required unless you have a specific medical condition. The deadline to request voting by mail is Monday, June 29, 2020 at Noon. Please contact Town Clerk Christina St. Pierre at stpierrec@manchester.ma.us if interested. Ballots are due back to the Town Clerk by 5 p.m. on June 30, 2020 to be counted (use the drop box behind Town Hall). Sample Ballot [here](#).
- **NEW!** Town Hall reopened to the public on June 22, 2020 by appointment only. Email the department you need directly to schedule a time to come in. Town Hall is scheduled to resume normal public access on July 6, 2020.
- **NEW!** Thank you to all residents who attended and safely participated in the Annual Town Meeting on June 22, 2020. All items on the warrant were approved by a majority vote.
- Manchester Parks and Recreation have announced alternative plans for the traditional Summer Playground. This year they are offering weekly “Playground Kits” to enjoy at home which will include an art or STEM activity complete with supplies, directions, and access to a video tutorial from favorite Playground Counselors! Small group programs are also being added. Please check [MBTS Parks & Rec Activities](#) for program listings.
- MBTS Phase 3 of Reopening Parks and Beaches is in effect. Phase 3 allows resident only, daily beach access for sunbathing and swimming. Please read these guidelines prior to your park or beach visit at www.manchester.ma.us
- Enter the July 4th at Home Contest! MBTS homes that enter will become the “parade floats” and all residents will receive a list of participating homes to drive by and view on July 4th. Deadline to register is July 1, 2020. [MBTS July 4th Page](#) Prized awarded!
- July 3rd fireworks at Singing Beach have been cancelled. They are tentatively rescheduled for September 4th (Rain date: September 6th). More details to come in the weeks ahead.
- On Monday, June 8, 2020 Governor Baker initiated Phase 2 of the MA Reopening Plan for Non-essential Businesses. To view the current state guidelines please visit www.mass.gov
- 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 find hours and services offered by our local retail and food businesses. [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 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 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), 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.

Would you like to receive important Town notices like this via email? Sign up for email alerts at [Notify Me](#). Under Alert Center choose "*Emergency Alerts*" and under News Flash choose "*Home*".

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