



July 8, 2020  
Manchester-by-the-Sea Board of Health  
COVID-19 and EEE Update

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

#### **COVID-19 CASE COUNT**

**Manchester Total Positive Case Number as of Wednesday, July 8, 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.

#### **EEE UPDATE**

**Manchester Total Positive Mosquito Testing Results as of Wednesday, July 8, 2020: 0**

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

#### **BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE**

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. You must also wear a mask outside only when proper social distancing of 6 feet is not possible. Take your mask along outdoors to be safe!

Please continue to practice the following everyday preventive actions:

- Practice social distancing and avoid groups larger than 25.
- 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](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).

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## MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA COMMUNITY UPDATES

- **NEW!** On Monday, July 6, 2020 the Governor moved MA to Phase 3 of reopening. To view the current state guidelines please visit [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov)
- **NEW!** Thank you to all the residents who participated in the July 4<sup>th</sup> at Home Contest this year. The winners of the contest will be announced in the Cricket which hits newsstands tomorrow - July 9, 2020.
- **NEW!** Town Hall has resumed normal operating hours. Monday-Wednesday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. A mask is required when entering Town Hall.
- **NEW!** Summer 2020 Concerts in the Park have begun! This summer, due to COVID-19, some new modifications are in place for safety. Next concert is Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6 p.m. Attendees will need to preregister at [2020 Concerts in the Park](#).
- **NEW!** Manchester's 2020 Mosquito Control Plan can be found [here](#). Opt-out instructions can be found [here](#).
- Manchester Parks and Recreation announced alternative plans for their traditional Summer Playground. This year weekly "Playground Kits" will be offered to enjoy at home which will include an art or STEM activity. Small group programs are also being added. Please check [MBTS Parks & Rec Activities](#) for program listings and to register for an Art/Stem Kit.
- MBTS Phase 3 of Reopening Parks and Beaches is currently 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](http://www.manchester.ma.us)
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks are tentatively rescheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup> (Rain date: September 6<sup>th</sup>). More details to come in the weeks ahead.
- 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](http://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](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.

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