

July 15, 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 15, 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 15, 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

NEW! Welcome Public Health Nurse Liz Scannura:

Hello residents of Manchester-by-the-Sea! My name is Liz Scannura and I am the new Public Health Nurse for the town. Being a long-time resident of Cape Ann, I am very familiar and fond of this area. My most recent nursing experience is in pediatric triage and I have a true passion for pediatric and public health. I am thankful for this opportunity to help serve this community during such challenging times. I look forward to meeting many of you at our fall flu clinics! I plan to be in the board of health office on Tuesdays and I am also available by phone 978-526-7385 or email scannurae@manchester.ma.us.

Please continue to practice the following everyday preventive actions:

- Practice social distancing and avoid groups larger than 25.
- Wear a face covering in public spaces.
- 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 <u>www.mass.gov</u>, <u>www.cdc.gov</u>, and <u>www.manchester.ma.us</u>

If you have further questions for the Board of Health, please contact Ellen Lufkin at lufkine@manchester.ma.us.



MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA COMMUNITY UPDATES

- NEW! Governor Baker announced a new process for COVID-19 related business or workplace complaints.
 Residents or employees who wish to take steps to report a business or workplace that is non complaint with reopening standards and protocols may contact: Department of Labor Standards (DLS)
 safepublicworkplacemailbox@mass.gov, COVID-19 Hotline 211 or the Manchester Board of Health BOH Complaint Form
- **NEW!** BOH Nurse is reminding residents that well-child visits are essential during COVID-19. Please talk to your child's doctor about how to stay on track with vaccines and well visits during this time. <u>CDC Well Child</u>
- NEW! The next Concert in Masconomo Park is Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 6 p.m. This summer, due to COVID-19, some new modifications are in place for public safety. Attendees will need to preregister at 2020 Concerts in the Park.
- **NEW!** Summer Fun for Kids with the Manchester Police Department. Come meet officers from the Manchester PD and have a treat! Next event is Wednesday, July 22nd from 9 a.m. 10 a.m. at the Laughing Gull.
- 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
- 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.
- Visit the Business Guide on the Town website to find hours and services offered by our local retail and food businesses. Manchester Business Guide
- 2020 Mosquito Control Plan can be found <u>here</u>. Opt-out instructions can be found <u>here</u>.
- 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
- July 3rd fireworks are tentatively rescheduled for September 4th (Rain date: September 6th). More details to come in the weeks ahead.
- MA issued new grocery store guidance on April 7, 2020 limiting occupancy to 40% including employees.
- 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 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.

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