



August 26, 2020
Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea
Manchester Board of Health
COVID-19 and EEE Update

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Manchester Total Positive Case Number as of Wednesday, August 26, 2020: 21

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, August 26, 2020: 0

(This number is based on mosquito collection and testing completed 8/17/20 – 8/21/20)

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

Flu Vaccine Now Required for all Massachusetts School Students Enrolled in Child Care, Pre-School, K-12, and Post-Secondary Institutions [MA Flu Vaccine Requirement](#)

Please continue to practice the following preventive actions for COVID-19:

- Avoid groups larger than 25 indoors and 50 outdoors.
- Maintain a social distance of 6 feet from others.
- Wear a face covering inside public spaces, outside when a 6 ft. distance is not possible, and in groups over 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.
- 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 COMMUNITY UPDATES

- **NEW!** Recreational Boating Update: The MA Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) issued an amendment to the MA Phase 3 Recreational Boating Guidelines. All users while on boat ramps, docks, piers etc, shall follow social distancing. Rafting-up or tying-up of boats is limited to **no more than 3 vessels**. All recreational boating is subject to the discretion of local officials, harbor masters, and law enforcement. All local rules, regulations, laws and U.S. Coast Guard requirements still apply.
- **NEW!** MA State Primary is September 1, 2020 at the Manchester Essex Regional High School from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place. Ways you can vote: Vote at the polls, Attend an early voting time at Town Hall or Vote by Mail. Click [here](#) for complete MBTS election information.
- **NEW!** Join us *tonight* for a live virtual presentation at 6:30 p.m. to learn about the 7-year update to the *Manchester Open Space and Recreation Plan*, followed by a virtual Open House. This event is open to the public however, pre-registration is required. Click here to register: [Open Space and Recreation Plan Update](#)
- Due to COVID-19 restrictions on gathering sizes, the September 4th Fireworks on Singing Beach have been canceled. We look forward to seeing residents on July 3, 2021 for a spectacular show!
- Governor Baker issued a Community Level Data Map to help keep residents informed about COVID-19. [COVID-19 Community Map](#)
- On August 11, 2020, Governor Baker reduced the outdoor gathering limit to 50 people. The indoor gathering size limit remains at 25. [Mass.gov](#)
- A face covering is required in groups larger than 10.
- Restaurants may only serve alcohol on-site if accompanied by orders for food prepared on-site.
- A Mandatory Outdoor Water Ban went into effect on August 5, 2020 until further notice. Please help us preserve our water supply while the well on Lincoln Street is repaired. Violations are subject to a fine. Please read the complete statement here: [Manchester Outdoor Water Ban](#)
- The Manchester Essex Regional School District School Committee voted to begin school on September 16, 2020 with remote learning.
- A Travel Order is in effect per order of the Governor. Please read requirements on traveling to and from Massachusetts. [MA Travel Order](#).
- Travel Order Complaints: Mass DPH announces complaints related to the Governor's Travel Order are to be directed to DPH.COVID.Complaints@mass.gov
- COVID-19 testing sites [COVID-19 Interactive Map of Testing Sites](#)
- Business & Workplace Complaints: Residents or employees who wish to take steps to report a business or workplace that is non compliant 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](#)



MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA COMMUNITY UPDATES (Continued)

- 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
- 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 [here](#). Opt-out instructions can be found [here](#).
- MBTS Phase 3 of Reopening Parks and Beaches is currently in effect. Phase 3 allows **residents only**, daily beach access for sunbathing and swimming. Please read these guidelines prior to your park or beach visit at www.manchester.ma.us
- 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 and mortgage 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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