



September 30, 2020  
Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea  
Manchester Board of Health  
COVID-19 and EEE Update

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

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

**Manchester Total Positive Case Number as of Wednesday, September 30, 2020: 23**

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, September 30, 2020: 0**

*(This number is based on mosquito collection and testing completed 9/21/20 – 9/25/20)*

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](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 COMMUNITY UPDATES

- **NEW!** On Monday, October 5, 2020 Governor Baker ordered that low-risk communities (cities and towns that have not been a “red” community in any of the last three DPH weekly reports) can move to *Step 2 of Phase 3 Reopening*. [Mass.gov](#)
- **NEW!** A second round of grant applications for up to \$10,000 will open soon for Manchester based micro-enterprises (business with 5 or fewer employees, including owners) who’s owner’s annual household income falls into the moderate to low income range. Watch the Town website for more details to be released soon.
- The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MA-DPH) is asking residents to take a survey about COVID-19. By taking the following *MA-DPH survey*, you can help find new solutions to community problems, and give MA-DPH the information they need to take action and support the communities that need it most. [MA DPH Survey](#)
- The Manchester Board of Health will hold an adult *flu clinic* (age 18 and over) on *Wednesday, October 7th*, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Due to COVID-19 pre-registration is required to attend the clinic. To schedule an appointment, please contact the Board of Health office at [lufkine@manchester.ma.us](mailto:lufkine@manchester.ma.us) or 978-526-7385. Manchester residents who are home bound may also contact the Board of Health to schedule a home visit.
- *Manchester’s Limited Commercial District (40R) Survey and Meeting Recording*: If you missed last week’s LCD/40R Public Forum you can view the recording [here](#). This public visioning session began with an overview of Manchester’s Limited Commercial District and the potential for a 40R zoning district followed by Q&A. We are asking residents to complete the following [survey](#) to share your priorities for the area, including what types of uses should be supported, how the new neighborhood should look and feel, and how it could connect to and interact with the greater community.
- Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. Proper COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place. Early voting will start at Town Hall on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The last day to register to vote is Saturday, October 24, 2020. Voting by mail is also an option – send in your request to the Town Clerk’s Office if you did not do so prior to the primary election. [MBTS Election Information](#)
- Licensing is required to operate in-home “learning pods” for K-12 students in MA. Please contact the Selectmen’s Office for more information. To read the official guidance please visit [Governor Baker's Order on Childcare During School](#) and [Guidance from EEC and DECE](#).
- Manchester Beach Update: All Manchester beaches will remain open to residents only through October 15th. The Parks and Recreation Department and the Manchester Police Department will continue to staff Singing Beach on weekends and on warmer weekdays. Parking stickers and beach tags will be required to access the beach during this time.
- 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 and piers shall follow social distancing. Rafting-up or tying-up of boats is limited to **no more than 3 vessels**.
- Governor Baker issued a Community Level Data Map to help keep residents informed about COVID-19. [COVID-19 Community Map](#)



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

- On August 11, 2020, Governor Baker reduced the outdoor gathering limit to 50 people. The indoor gathering size limit remains at 25. [Mass.gov](https://www.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 Travel Order is in effect per order of the Governor. Please read requirements on traveling to and from Massachusetts. [MA Travel Order](#). Complaints should be directed to [DPH.COVID.Complaints@mass.gov](mailto: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](mailto:safepublicworkplacemailbox@mass.gov), COVID-19 Hotline 211 or the Manchester Board of Health [BOH Complaint Form](#)
- 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)
- 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](#).
- 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](https://www.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](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.

Would you like to receive important Town notices like this via email? Subscribe to email alerts at [Notify Me](#). Under Alert Center choose "MBTS Alerts" (for time sensitive and emergency information) and under News Flash choose "MBTS News Updates" (for important MBTS events and updates).

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