



October 21, 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, October 21, 2020: 27
Active Cases: 0

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, October 21: 0
(This number is based on mosquito collection and testing completed 10/12/20 – 10/16/20)

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

BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE

Flu Vaccine Required for all Massachusetts School Students Enrolled in Child Care, Pre-School, K-12, and Post-Secondary Institutions by December 31, 2020. [MA Flu Vaccine Requirement](#)

COVID-19 Testing in MA: [Mass.gov COVID Testing Information](#), [MA Community Level Map](#), [COVID-19 Interactive Map of Testing Sites](#)

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

- Avoid groups larger than 25 indoors and 50 outdoors. Click [here](#) for the latest guidance on gatherings.
- 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!** Drug Take Back Day: The Manchester Police Department is hosting a Drug Take Back Day on Saturday October 24, 2020 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. behind the Police Department near the garage. Learn more [here](#).
- **NEW!** 40B Presentation: On October 29th at 7 p.m. there will be a virtual public presentation by the developer about the proposed 40B project. Meeting details will be communicated next week. To learn more please about the 40B project and to view the application from the developer click [here](#).
- **NEW!** Halloween: Trick-or-treating in Manchester-by-the-Sea will take place on October 31st from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. To protect public health and safety, residents are asked to ***trick or treat in your own neighborhood*** this year. Streets will not be blocked off in the Village. To read the complete rules and guidelines please click [here](#).
- **NEW!** Limited Commercial District (40R): Learn more about the visioning process for Manchester’s Limited Commercial District [here](#).
- Dogs on the Beach: Singing beach is now open to dogs. Please clean up after your dog - no excuses! Dog owners must maintain effective verbal control of their dogs and always be able to see their dogs when they are off leash. Dogs must wear a collar with identification, be licensed and vaccinated. The owner is personally liable for any damage or injury their dog inflicts or sustains. Each person is limited to a maximum of two dogs.
- Ballot Drop Box at Town Hall: A new ballot drop box has been installed beside the front doors of Town Hall. Please use this drop box for election ballots only. The drop box behind Town Hall will be used exclusively for payments and other Town business.
- Tucks Point Chowder House reservations for 2021 will open to residents only on Thursday, October 15th at 5 p.m. in Town Hall Room #5. Reservation forms are [here](#). Masks are required.
- Small Business Grants: A second round of grants for grant funding is available to cover COVID-19 related expenses. The deadline to apply is October 23rd. The grants are for businesses with five or fewer employees and whose owners earn 80% or less of the area’s family median income. Learn if you qualify and apply [here](#).
- Election 2020: Early voting will start at Town Hall on October 17th. The last day to register to vote is Saturday, October 24th. Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. Proper COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place. 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](#)
- Manchester-by-the-Sea is now in MA Phase 3 Step 2 of reopening. Visit Mass.gov to learn more.
- Licensing is required to operate certain 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-BY-THE-SEA COMMUNITY UPDATES (Continued)

- 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
- 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](#)
- 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), 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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