



December 2, 2020
Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea
Manchester Board of Health
COVID-19 Community Update

Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea COVID-19 Updates

COVID-19 UPDATE

Manchester Total Positive Case Number (cumulative) as of Wednesday, December 2, 2020: 60

Active Cases: 15

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.

BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE

REMINDER! Let's stay shipshape Manchester! Everyone needs to do their part right now. Wear a face covering, keep gatherings small, practice social distancing, stay home if you are sick and get tested.

Violations as of 12/2/20: The Board of Health and Manchester Police have not issued any new violations in the past week.

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 **10 indoors** and **25 outdoors**.
- Get tested if you have symptoms.
- Maintain a social distance of 6 feet from others.
- Wear a face covering in public spaces both inside and outside regardless of distance.
- 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! Testing Sites in MA as of December 1:** [MA Testing Site List](#)
- **NEW! Stop the Spread Testing Program:** This program offers free testing sites to all residents of MA to help stop the spread. Learn more here: [MA Stop the Spread](#)
- **NEW! Get Back Mass:** MA created the new “Get Back Mass” campaign to remind people to wear a mask, keep your distance and get tested. [Get Back Mass](#)
- **NEW! 40B Public Forum:** On Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Public Forum on the proposed 40B project. The meeting will begin with a presentation of the Manchester Housing Production Plan followed by a general question and answer session with residents regarding 40B. Meeting details, agenda, project application, past recordings and more can be found [here](#).
- **NEW! Police Chief Office Hours:** Chief Fitzgerald will hold his monthly office hours on Thursday, December 3 from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Seaside One.
- **NEW! Kids Holiday Scavenger Hunt:** Join the Manchester Community Center and Parks & Rec. for this fun scavenger hunt throughout downtown Manchester on Saturday, December 5 from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. [Holiday Scavenger Hunt](#)
- **NEW! Library Luminaria Event:** Join the Manchester Public Library and the 375th Committee on December 5 from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. for a special luminaria event. Take a stroll by the Library and Town Hall to view walkways decorated with 375 luminarias to celebrate the start of the holiday season and to honor Manchester-by-the-Sea’s 375th anniversary! Want to join in on the fun? Stop by the library during the week of November 30th to December 4th to pick up your own free single or multiple kits of luminarias and you can light up your home before or on December 5th! Please call the library at 978-526-7711 before arriving to make sure staff are available to hand out luminarias as our normal library hours have changed.
- **NEW! Christmas by the Sea Stroll:** The traditional stroll in Manchester will take place from December 4-6 this year. Please support our local businesses by safely participating in this festive event. Sponsored by the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce. Mask up, keep your distance and have fun!
- **NEW! Santa’s Fire Truck Tour:** Santa will be escorted through Town by the Manchester-by-the-Sea Fire Department on Sunday, December 6, 2020 to greet all the children of MBTS. Come outside when you hear the sirens! [Santa's Route](#)
- **NEW! Holiday Open House at MHM:** Come tour the beautiful holiday decorations at the Manchester Historical Museum from December 4 – 11. [Manchester Historical Museum](#)
- **NEW! Blue Lights Reminder:** As we approach winter, the Manchester Police would like to remind residents about the “Blue Lights” in Town. There are blue emergency lights placed at select intersections throughout Town. These lights get turned on during extreme weather emergencies such as snowstorms. When the blue lights are on, on-street parking is not permitted to allow for DPW to safely clear roadways.
- **Holidays by the Sea:** Due to COVID-19 many of our beloved holiday traditions in MBTS have had to be postponed. However, with the help of many, we can still enjoy some festive cheer this year while staying safe at home in MBTS. [Holidays by the Sea Calendar](#)



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

- Allen's Pharmacy Announced COVID-19 Testing Site: Allen's Pharmacy has notified the Town that they are opening a COVID-19 PCR testing site operated by Veritas. Appointments are required and can be scheduled [here](#). Information on Veritas PCR Testing can be found [here](#).
- Stay at Home Advisory for MA: All residents are being asked to stay at home between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. (effective 11/6/20) [MA Stay at Home Advisory](#)
- Face Covering Order for MA: All persons over the age of 5 are required to wear a face covering in all public spaces, indoor and outdoor, regardless of distance. (effective 11/6/20) [Face Covering Order](#)
- Early Closing Order for MA: Businesses, services and activities must close by 9:30 p.m. and not reopen before 5 a.m. (11/6/20) [Early Closing Order](#)
- MA Carpooling Guidance: To ensure passenger safety from COVID-19 please take the following precautions when traveling by car: Limit the number of occupants, all occupants should wear a face covering, open vehicle windows, clean touch points frequently.
- 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
- 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! Wear a face covering. Each person is limited to a maximum of two dogs.
- 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](#).
- Restaurants may only serve alcohol on-site if accompanied by orders for food prepared on-site.
- 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](#)
- 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.
- 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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