



December 23, 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 23, 2020: 101

Active Cases: 14

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! All Hands on Deck MBTS! Together we can do this. Wear a face covering, stick with your own household, practice social distancing, stay home if you are sick and get tested.

Violations as of 12/23/20: 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 indoor gatherings
- Avoid gathering with non-household members
- Wash your hands frequently
- Use hand sanitizer
- Wear face masks when in public places/spaces, at any distance
- If you do not feel well, stay home except to get COVID-19 tested
- If you think you have been exposed, isolate at home, until you get tested appropriately.
- If you test positive or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive, please answer the phone call from the Board of Health to received guidance and complete contact tracing.
- 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! Governor Baker Issues New COVID-19 Restrictions for MA:** Effective December 26, 2020 new capacity and gathering restrictions have been ordered for MA residents. [December 26 Emergency Order](#)
- **NEW! Christmas Tree Pick Up:** Christmas trees will be collected curbside on your respective trash day – December 28, 29 and January 11, 12. Residents can also drop their tree at the Town Compost site during normal operating hours.
- **NEW! Town Hall Holiday Hours:** Town Hall will close for business at 12 p.m. on December 24 for the Christmas holiday and will reopen on Monday, December 28, 2020 by appointment only.
- **NEW! Holiday Guidance for MA Residents:** Stay safe this holiday season by following the guidance [here](#).
- **NEW! 40B Public Meeting:** The next 40B Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed 40B project. Meeting details, agenda, project application, past recordings and more can be found [here](#).
- **MA Quarantine Instructions:** The state has updated the quarantine guidelines. If you have been instructed to quarantine please adhere to the following rules: [Quarantine Instructions](#)
- **MA Rolls Back to Phase 3 Step 1:** The new restrictions took effect on December 13. Please read the following guidance: [MA Phase 3 Step 1](#)
- **Town Hall is Closed to the Public:** Town Hall will be closed to the public until further notice. Staff will be available during normal business hours via appointment, phone or email. [Staff Directory](#)
- **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
- **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 COMMUNITY UPDATES (Continued)

- 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 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) and the Manchester Cricket. Residents are encouraged to follow at least one of these mediums to stay informed.

Reverse 911 calls ([Code Red](#)) will be used when necessary.

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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