



March 17, 2021  
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 (to date) as of Wednesday, March 17, 2021: 203**

**Active Cases: 3**

*(Last week's COVID-19 numbers reported on 3/10/21: Total cases – 200, Active cases – 3)*

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has instructed all local boards of health *with populations less than 10,000* to only report total positive cases: “In order to protect privacy and confidentiality of individuals who test positive for COVID-19. We understand that many boards of health find value in sharing community-specific data as part of a risk communication plan and to keep the public informed about the scope of the local public health effort. If you choose to share numbers of cases for these purposes, please do so with the highest regard for privacy and confidentiality by not including any information other than the case count.”

Each **Wednesday** the Board of Health will release an update on COVID-19 in Manchester-by-the-Sea.

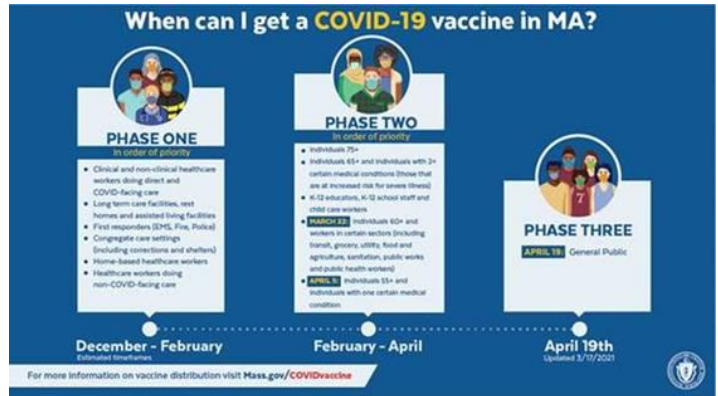
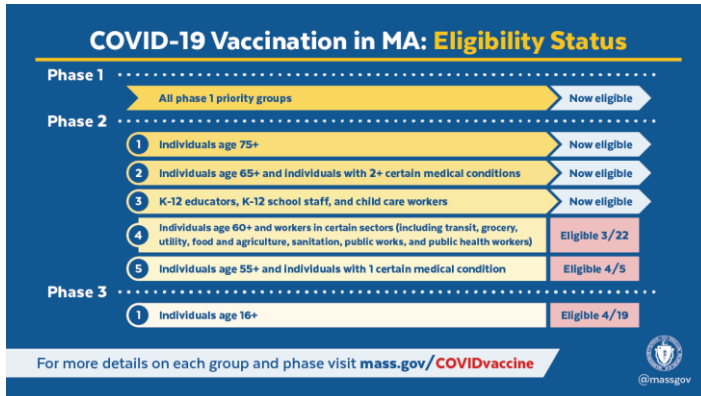
**Violations as of 3/17/21:** The Board of Health and Manchester Police have not issued any new violations in the past week.

#### BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE

**NEW! Manchester Vaccinations for Homebound Residents:** The Board of Health has completed registration to be part of the new State in-Home Covid-19 Vaccination Program. This mobile vaccination program will administer in-home vaccinations to Manchester residents who are homebound. Residents will call the new program phone number and the program will handle all phases of service delivery including screening, registration, at home vaccination, and insurance billing. If you or a family member are homebound and in need of a Covid-19 vaccination, please look for the new hotline number to be released by the State on Monday, March 22nd.

**On March 17, Governor Baker announced a new vaccination eligibility timeline for residents (pictured below).** Read more about this announcement [here](#). Click on the following links to learn more and to book an appointment: [COVID Vaccine Locations](#), [COVID Vaccine Phases](#) MA Vaccine Pre-Registration: [Vaccinesignup.mass.gov](https://vaccinesignup.mass.gov)

If you have further questions for the Board of Health, please contact Ellen Lufkin at [lufkine@manchester.ma.us](mailto:lufkine@manchester.ma.us).



## NEW COMMUNITY UPDATES

- **NEW! Updated Vaccine FAQ:** [Vaccine FAQ](#)
- **NEW! Indoor and Outdoor Event Guidance:** [March 2021 Event Guidance](#)
- **NEW! 40B Workshop:** The next meeting to discuss the 40B project proposal will take place on Thursday, March 18 at 7:45 p.m. Meeting details, past recordings and important information can be found [here](#).
- **NEW! Town Compost Site Reopening:** The Town Compost Site will reopen on March 25. Compost Site hours are Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. [Compost Site Information](#)
- **NEW! July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Rescheduled:** Due to current COVID guidance, the Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade will be postponed to September 25. The theme of the parade will be the *375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Manchester*. Also, fireworks will be held in July 2022 because this is an off year. Stay tuned for other festive activities being planned.

## ONGOING COMMUNITY GUIDANCE

- **MA Educator Vaccine Days:** The State has designated 4 days where the state's mass vaccination sites will only offer 1st dose appointments for educators. The dates are Saturday, March 27, Saturday, April 3, Saturday, April 10, and Sunday, April 11. [Educator Information](#)
- **DPW Roadwork Notice:** Sewer pipe lining is taking place on School Street and along Sawmill Brook for the next few weeks. Impacted households will be notified directly. Traffic may be detoured at times.
- **Annual Town Meeting Postponed:** Due to COVID-19, the Board of Selectmen voted to postpone the Annual Town Meeting until Monday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m. on the MERSD athletic field.
- **MBTS Summer Jobs:** The Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for Summer Playground and Singing Beach staff - Apply [here](#). DPW is also looking for seasonal help – Apply [here](#).
- **Manchester Cemetery Decorations:** Department of Public Works requests that lot owners/representatives remove all decorations from graves of all Manchester cemeteries by Monday, April 5 to enable the DPW staff to begin grounds maintenance work. Any items left behind will be removed and disposed.



## ONGOING COMMUNITY GUIDANCE

- Nomination Papers: Get involved in our community and run for local office! Nomination papers are available to be mailed. Please contact the Town Clerks office at 978-526-2040 or [townclerk@manchester.ma.us](mailto:townclerk@manchester.ma.us). to make a request. [2021 Local Election](#)
- COVID-19 Testing: [COVID-19 Testing Site Locator](#), [Stop the Spread Sites](#), [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- MA is in Phase 3 Step 2 of Reopening: Restaurants are currently permitted to operate with six-foot social distancing, limits of six people per table and 90 minute limits. Other businesses can operate at 50% capacity. Additional details can be found [here](#).
- Call Center for Vaccine Assistance: Now available to MA residents who do not have access to the internet or have a language barrier. The phone lines will be open daily from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. Call 978-717-3700.
- Volunteer with MA Medical Reserve Corps: The MA Medical Reserve Corp is looking for volunteers at the local level, both medical and non-medical. Click [here](#) to register.
- MA Quarantine Instructions: If you have been instructed to quarantine, please adhere to the following rules: [Quarantine Instructions](#)
- 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](#)
- COVID-19 Vaccination Questions: Email questions to [COVID-19-Vaccine-Plan-MA@mass.gov](mailto:COVID-19-Vaccine-Plan-MA@mass.gov)
- Travel Guidance for Arriving in MA: [MA Arrival Travel Order](#). Complaints should be directed to [DPH.COVID.Complaints@mass.gov](mailto:DPH.COVID.Complaints@mass.gov)
- Gathering Size Restriction: The current gathering order allows up to *10 indoors and 25 outdoors* at private residences.
- 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](#)
- Beach Stickers: 2021 Beach Stickers are on sale online or via mail. Please click [here](#) for complete details and instructions. 2020 Parking Stickers are valid through May 31, 2021. *New rule for 2021! Stickers must be placed inside the front, driver side windshield in the upper left-hand corner.*
- Singing Beach Reminder: A mask is required, at ALL times, when visiting Singing Beach in accordance with the MA Face Covering Order. Please do not gather in large groups. Each person is limited to a maximum of two dogs.
- 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](#)



## ONGOING COMMUNITY GUIDANCE

- 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](http://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.

Would you like to receive important Town notices, such as 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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