



May 19, 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, May 19, 2021: 241**

**Active Cases: 4**

*(Last week's COVID-19 numbers reported on 5/12/21: Total cases – 236, 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.

#### BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE

**NEW!** A warm welcome to Pamela Crehan as our new Public Health Nurse in the Board of Health Office.

**All MA residents age 12+ are now eligible to receive the COVID vaccine.**

(Residents aged 12-18 are only eligible for the *Pfizer Vaccine* at this time. Learn more [here](#).)

**MA is currently in Phase IV Step 2 of reopening.** Learn more [here](#).

**COVID Vaccine:** [COVID Vaccine Locations](#) [Vaccine FAQ](#) [MA Vaccine Pre-Registration](#)

**COVID Testing:** [COVID-19 Testing Site Locator](#), [Stop the Spread Sites](#), [Quarantine Instructions](#)

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! Face Covering Order Rescinded:** The current face covering order will be rescinded on **May 29**. The DPH will issue a new face covering advisory consistent with the CDC updated guidance. *Face coverings will still be mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings.*
- **NEW! Industry Restrictions Lifted:** Industry restrictions, across all sectors, will be lifted on **May 29** including capacity limits.
- **NEW! End of State of Emergency in MA:** Governor Baker will end the State of Emergency **June 15**. The Administration will work with legislative and municipal partners during this period in order to manage an orderly transition from emergency measures adopted by executive order and special legislation during the period of the State of Emergency.
- **NEW! K-12 Update:** Effective **May 18**, schools will no longer require masks for outdoor activities like recess and can allow for the sharing of objects in classrooms, in both K-12 and childcare settings. Face coverings will remain required indoors for staff and students of K-12 schools and early education providers.
- **NEW! Youth and Amateur Sports:** Effective **May 18**, the youth and amateur sports guidance will be updated to no longer require face coverings for youth athletes 18 and under while playing outdoor sports. Effective May 29, all youth and amateur sports restrictions will be lifted.
- **NEW! Funeral Assistance:** FEMA will be providing funeral assistance to families who have lost someone to COVID. Learn more [here](#). [FEMA Information](#)
- **NEW! Beach Sticker Bonanza:** The Town Clerk will hold special hours at Town Hall for residents to purchase beach and resident stickers on Friday, **May 21** from 9 AM – 1 PM. Click [here](#) to learn what to bring. 2021 Stickers must be placed on the front windshield in the upper left corner.
- **NEW! Open Space & Recreation Public Forum:** On Wednesday, **May 26** from 6:30 PM to 8 PM the OSRC will host a virtual public forum to provided residents an opportunity to review and provide feedback on the Open Space and Recreation Seven Year Action Plan. Meeting details can be found [here](#).
- **NEW! Downtown Recovery Public Forum:** The Local Rapid Recovery Steering Committee will host a public forum on Tuesday, **May 25** at 7 PM to discuss ways to help the downtown Manchester business community recover from the pandemic. Please visit the Business page [here](#) for meeting details.
- **NEW! Bridge Street Paving:** MA DOT will be milling and paving Bridge Street over the next two weeks. The project is expected to be completed by early June.



## NEW COMMUNITY UPDATES

- **NEW! Hydrant Flushing Update:** DPW will complete hydrant flushing in Manchester by May 22.
- **NEW! Tucks Point Bridgework:** MA DOT will be repairing the decking on the Harbor Street bridge (over the MBTA tracks). The road will be closed from 8 PM on May 24 through 9 AM on May 26. Local access only will be permitted through Boardman Avenue.
- **NEW! Town Hall Public Hours:** On Monday, May 10 Town Hall reopened to the public. Visitors are required to enter through the front door and exit the lower side door. Temporary public hours through Memorial Day are as follows: *Monday – Wednesday 9 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.*

## ONGOING COMMUNITY GUIDANCE

- **Beach Stickers:** 2021 Beach Stickers are currently for sale online, via mail or at the Town Clerks office. Please click [here](#) for easy 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.*
- **Annual Town Meeting:** The Annual Town Meeting will take place on Monday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m. on the MERHS athletic field. Rain Date is June 23. Learn more [here](#).
- **July 4th Parade Rescheduled:** Due to current COVID guidance, the Annual July 4th Parade will be postponed to September 25. The theme of the parade will be Manchester's 375th Anniversary. Fireworks on Singing Beach will be held in July 2022. Stay tuned for other festive activities being planned.
- **Vaccinations for Manchester Homebound Residents:** The Manchester Board of Health is participating in the MA Homebound Covid-19 Vaccination Program. This program handles all phases of service delivery including screening, registration, at home vaccination, and insurance billing. Please call 1-833-983-0485 to schedule an appointment. Learn more [here](#).
- **Story Trail on Powder House Hill:** Visit Powder House Hill from May 5 through June 15 and follow the heartwarming children's story of "Salamander Sky" as you hike the trails and explore nature. Hosted by the Manchester Essex Conservation Trust (MECT). Learn more [here](#).
- **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.
- **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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