



August 5, 2020
Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea
Manchester Board of Health
COVID-19 and EEE Update

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COVID-19 CASE COUNT

Manchester Total Positive Case Number as of Wednesday, August 5, 2020: 21

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, August 5, 2020: 0

(This number is based on mosquito collection and testing completed 07/27/20 - 07/31/20)

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

BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE

NEW! Mask Up MA – MA launched a new Face Covering Education Initiative this week. [Mask Up MA](#)

NEW! Mass DPH Announces Seasons First Human Case of EEE in MA in a Plymouth County resident. [First Human Case of EEE in MA - DPH](#)

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

- Practice social distancing and avoid groups larger than 25.
- Per order of Governor Baker, wear a face covering in public spaces.
- 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!** A Travel Order is in effect per order of the Governor. Rhode Island has been removed from the low-risk state list. Please read requirements on traveling to and from Massachusetts. [MA Travel Order](#).
- **NEW!** Mass DPH announces complaints related to the Governor's Travel Order are to be directed to DPH.COVID.Complaints@mass.gov
- **NEW!** COVID-19 testing sites [COVID-19 Interactive Map of Testing Sites](#)
- **NEW!** The next Concert in Masconomo Park is Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6 p.m. featuring the band Studio 1. COVID-19, some new modifications are in place for public safety. Attendees will need to preregister and sit in assigned spaces. [Music in the Park Registration](#)
- **NEW!** Summer Fun for Kids with the Manchester Police Department. Come meet officers from the Manchester PD and have a treat! The last event in this series is Wednesday, August 12th from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. at The Mooring.
- Governor Baker announced a new process for COVID-19 related business or workplace complaints. Residents or employees who wish to take steps to report a business or workplace that is non complaint 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](#)
- On Monday, July 6, 2020 the Governor moved MA to Phase 3 of reopening. To view the current state guidelines please visit www.mass.gov
- 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](#).
- MBTS Phase 3 of Reopening Parks and Beaches is currently in effect. Phase 3 allows **resident only**, daily beach access for sunbathing and swimming. Please read these guidelines prior to your park or beach visit at www.manchester.ma.us
- MA issued new grocery store guidance on April 7, 2020 limiting occupancy to 40% including employees.
- 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.
- 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.

Would you like to receive important Town notices like 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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