



November 25, 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 as of Wednesday, November 25, 2020: 43**  
**Active Cases: 2**

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! MA Gathering Size Order:** Indoor limited to *10 people* and outdoor limited to *25 people*. (effective 11/6/20) Violations will be enforced by the Manchester Police and Board of Health and are subject to a \$500 fine for each offense.

**Violations as of 11/25/20:** The Board of Health has issued two violation notices to Manchester property owners and hosts for holding events that exceeded the Governor's private property gathering limits. Additional violations were issued for lack of social distancing, lack of face coverings, and an event held after 9:30 p.m.

**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](http://www.mass.gov), [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), and [www.manchester.ma.us](http://www.manchester.ma.us)

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



## MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA COMMUNITY UPDATES

- **NEW! Curbside Leaf Collection:** Curbside leaf collection will continue town wide on the following dates: Monday 11/30, Tuesday 12/1. Please have leaves bagged and if it rains please cover with a tarp until they are collected.
- **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! Town Hall Closed:** Town Hall will be closed November 26-27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We wish you and your family a peaceful and safe day!
- **NEW! 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](#)
- **NEW! Small Business Saturday:** Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> is Small Business Saturday. Please shop small and support our local MBTS Businesses this holiday season. [Manchester Business Guide](#)
- **MA Thanksgiving Guidance:** The Governor released COVID-19 safety guidance for Thanksgiving gatherings. [MA Thanksgiving Guidance](#)
- **Open Space & Recreation Survey:** The OSRC Committee is asking residents to take a new survey Open Space & Recreation Survey by November 30. Your input will help determine open space visioning in Manchester. [Open-Space-Recreation-Committee Survey](#)
- **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](#)
- **Council on Aging November Food Drive:** The COA is hosting a food drive through the month of November to benefit the Open Door Food Pantry. Donation bins will be placed outside the COA office and in the lobby of Town Hall. [COA November Food Drive](#)
- **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.



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

- 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](mailto: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! Dog owners must maintain effective verbal control of their dogs and always be able to see their dogs when they are off leash. Dogs must wear a collar with identification, be licensed and vaccinated. The owner is personally liable for any damage or injury their dog inflicts or sustains. Each person is limited to a maximum of two dogs.
- Tucks Point Chowder House reservations for 2021 are open to residents. Reservation forms are [here](#).
- 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](mailto: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.
- 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](http://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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