



March 31, 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 31, 2021: 215**

**Active Cases: 5**

*(Last week's COVID-19 numbers reported on 3/24/21: Total cases – 208, 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 3/31/21:** The Board of Health and Manchester Police have not issued any new violations in the past week.

#### BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE

**MA residents age 60+, workers in transit, grocery, utility, food, agriculture, public works and public health workers are eligible to receive the vaccine. (See graphic on next page)**

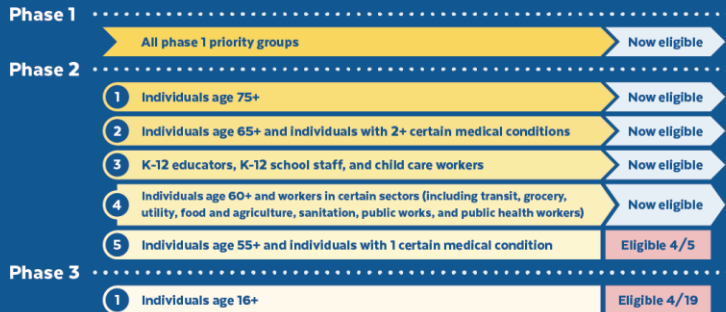
**Click on the following links to learn more about the vaccine and to book an appointment:** [COVID Vaccine Locations](#), [COVID Vaccine Phases](#) MA Vaccine Pre-Registration: [Vaccinesignup.mass.gov](https://vaccinesignup.mass.gov)

**Vaccinations for Manchester Homebound Residents:** The Manchester Board of Health is participating in the new MA Homebound Covid-19 Vaccination Program. This program will administer in-home vaccinations to Manchester residents who are homebound. This program will handle 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](#).

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



## COVID-19 Vaccination in MA: Eligibility Status



For more details on each group and phase visit [mass.gov/COVIDvaccine](https://mass.gov/COVIDvaccine)



**K-12 educators, K-12 school staff and child care workers** can get the COVID vaccine at one of four designated days at mass vaccination sites:

- Saturday, March 27
- Saturday, April 3
- Saturday, April 10
- Sunday, April 11

Find more information and sign up at [Mass.gov/COVIDvaccine](https://Mass.gov/COVIDvaccine)



## NEW COMMUNITY UPDATES

- **NEW! Police Chief Office Hours:** Police Chief Fitzgerald will hold his monthly office hours on Thursday, April 1 from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Seaside One. All residents are invited to stop by and say hello.
- **NEW! 40B Workshop:** The next meeting to discuss the 40B project proposal will take place on Tuesday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details, past recordings and important information can be found [here](#).
- **NEW! Planning Board Public Forum:** The Planning Board will host a public forum to discuss proposed zoning changes on Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. [Meeting Details](#)
- **NEW! FEMA Beach Inspections:** FEMA will be conducting coastal erosion inspections throughout Essex County in April to assess the impact of coastal erosion and sea level rise. Manchester beaches will be included in this study.

## ONGOING COMMUNITY GUIDANCE

- MA Moves to Phase 4 Step 1 of Reopening: Effective Monday, March 22, MA transitioned to a new reopening phase. Read the details of this phase [here](#).
- Travel Advisory: A new travel advisory replaced the travel order on Monday, March 22. All visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, are advised to quarantine for 10 days upon their arrival. A list of exemptions can be found here: [Travel Advisory](#)
- Workplace and Youth Sports Guidance: Effective March 22, new guidelines for workplace and youth sports will be in place to correspond with the Phase 4 Step 1 reopening. [Workplace and Youth Sports](#)
- Tax Deadline Extension: The federal and state income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year will be automatically extended from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021.
- Town Compost Site is Open: The Town Compost Site is open. Compost Site hours are Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. [Compost Site Information](#)



## ONGOING COMMUNITY GUIDANCE

- MBTS Summer Jobs: The Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for the following positions: Assistant Summer Playground Director, Summer Playground Counselors, Tennis Director and Tennis Instructors - Apply [here](#).
- Gathering Size Restriction: The current gathering order effective March 22 allows up to *10 indoors and 25 outdoors* at private residences. [Gathering Order](#)
- 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.
- Indoor and Outdoor Public Event Guidance: [March 2021 Event 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](#)
- 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.
- 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.
- Updated Vaccine FAQ: [Vaccine FAQ](#) Email questions to [COVID-19-Vaccine-Plan-MA@mass.gov](mailto:COVID-19-Vaccine-Plan-MA@mass.gov)
- COVID-19 Testing: [COVID-19 Testing Site Locator](#), [Stop the Spread Sites](#), [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- 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](#)
- Complaints should be directed to [DPH.COVID.Complaints@mass.gov](mailto:DPH.COVID.Complaints@mass.gov)
- 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](#)



## ONGOING COMMUNITY GUIDANCE

- 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 until April 15.
- 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](#)
- 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](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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