



June 9, 2021
Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea
Manchester Board of Health
COVID-19 Community Update

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Manchester Total Positive Case Number (to date) as of Wednesday, June 9: 241

Active Cases: 0

(Last week's COVID-19 numbers reported on 6/2/21: Total cases – 241, Active cases – 0)

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

Manchester Joins a Regional Collaborative to Offer COVID Vaccines for 12+. Dates will be added on a rolling basis. Registration is encouraged but walk ins are welcome. Learn more about the program [here](#).

Regional Clinic Locations:

Ipswich – June 21 at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 1 Pineswamp Road. Register [here](#).

Rockport - Drive-thru clinics will be held on Saturdays at Rockport Elementary School, 34 Jerdens Lane. Register [here](#).

Topsfield - Coolidge Building at the Topsfield Fairgrounds on Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Register [here](#).

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

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

COVID Vaccine: [COVID Vaccine Locations](#) [Vaccine FAQ](#) [MA Vax Finder](#)

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.



NEW COMMUNITY UPDATES

- **NEW! 2021 Mosquito Plan Meeting:** The Board of Health will meet on Thursday, June 10 at 5 p.m. to review Manchester's 2021 Mosquito Control Plan. Residents are welcome to attend and participate in this virtual meeting. Details can be found [here](#). [2021 Mosquito Control Plan](#).
- **NEW! Police Chief Office Hours:** Chief Fitzgerald will host his monthly office hours on Thursday, June 10 from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Seaside One. All residents are invited to stop by and say hello.
- **NEW! Pride Ceremony:** On Saturday, June 12 at 2 p.m. a special Pride ceremony will take place on the Town Common in front of Town Hall. All are welcome to attend.
- **NEW! Mass Housing 40B Comments:** On Thursday, June 17 at 6:30 PM the Board of Selectmen will meet to discuss comments to be submitted to Mass Housing. Meeting details will be posted on the Town website.
- **NEW! 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](#).
- **NEW! Public Safety Dispatch Study:** The Board of Selectmen are studying the options for public safety dispatch in Manchester. A new page on the website has been created that will hold informational materials and news about future meetings. Click [here](#) to find a summary and FAQ.

ONGOING COMMUNITY GUIDANCE

- **Beach Stickers:** 2021 Beach Stickers are currently for sale online or at the Town Clerks office. Please click [here](#) for easy instructions. **A walk on pass is required for all visitors ages 13 to 64.** *New rule for 2021! Stickers must be placed inside the front, driver side windshield in the upper left-hand corner.*
- **MA Relaxes Qualifications for Homebound Shots:** If for any reason you cannot get to a vaccination site you can set up a homebound vaccination appointment [here](#) or contact the Homebound Vaccination Central Intake Line at (833) 983-0485. Representatives are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **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 to manage an orderly transition from emergency measures adopted by executive order and special legislation during the period of the State of Emergency.
- **DESE Issue New Guidance for Schools:** The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education issued the following updated guidance for schools on COVID [here](#).
- **DESE Releases New COVID Guidance for Graduations:** The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released new guidance for K-12 end of year events [here](#).
- **Harbor St. Bridge Repair:** MA DOT has delayed work on the Harbor Street bridge until June 28.



ONGOING COMMUNITY GUIDANCE

- Mosquito Spraying Opt-Out: A reminder that residents can choose to opt out of the Town's Mosquito Control Plan at any time with a 14-day notice. Learn how [here](#).
- Story Trail on Powder House Hill: Visit Powder House Hill 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 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), 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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