



TOWN OF MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
BOARD OF HEALTH

**August 24, 2021**

### **Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea Reinstates Indoor Mask Mandate**

**MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA, MA** – The Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will reinstate an *indoor mask mandate* at all businesses and public buildings on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. The Board of Selectmen and Board of Health voted unanimously in a joint meeting on August 19 to bring back indoor masking to help mitigate recent COVID variants and proactively prevent community spread. The mask order will be in place until further notice.

Manchester currently has 77% of its eligible population fully vaccinated and reported five active positive cases on Thursday, August 19. The Board of Health is hosting a COVID Vaccine Clinic on Thursday, August 26 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Laughing Gull Café to further promote vaccinations in the community. The clinic will provide first and second doses of the, newly FDA approved, Pfizer vaccine to anyone over the age of twelve. A follow up clinic will be held on Thursday, September 16 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the same location. Register [here](#).

The Board of Health will also be administering third doses to severely immunocompromised individuals. Third doses are not booster shots, they are for the immune compromised who did not have the expected immune response from the first two doses. Massachusetts residents who have questions about whether a third dose of vaccine is recommended for them should contact their medical provider to discuss these recommendations.



### **Third Dose Criteria:**

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

To make an appointment for a third dose, please select the second dose option [here](#) (a third dose option is not yet available on the registration platform). Recipients will be asked to attest in person that they meet the third dose requirements.

Questions regarding vaccine clinics and third doses can be directed to Ellen Lufkin in the Board of Health Office at [lufkine@manchester.ma.us](mailto:lufkine@manchester.ma.us) or 978-526-7385.

Questions regarding the indoor mask mandate can be directed to Sonja Nathan in the Board of Selectmen Office at [nathans@manchester.ma.us](mailto:nathans@manchester.ma.us) or 978-526-2000.

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