



April 15, 2020
Manchester-by-the-Sea Board of Health
COVID-19 Update

Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea COVID-19 Case Report and Updates

COVID-19 CASE COUNT

Manchester Positive Case Number as of Wednesday, April 15, 2020: 9
(No new cases since last week.)

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

As Covid-19 cases continue to rise in Massachusetts, with a surge expected over the next ten days, the residents of Manchester by the Sea must be commended. The fact that the Covid-19 case numbers in our town have remained low is a testament to the effectiveness of the social distancing all our community members have been practicing. It is essential that we continue to do so to protect ourselves, our families, and our community.

Please continue to practice the following everyday preventive actions:

- Practice social distancing and avoid groups larger than 10.
- 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.
- Wear a face covering when going out in public to help stop the spread.
- 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 or (978)526-7385.



MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA COVID-19 GUIDELINES

- *NEW!* MA issued new grocery store guidance on April 7, 2020 limiting occupancy to 40% including employees.
- *NEW!* Visit the new Business Guide on the Town website to support local retail and food businesses offering services during this time. [Manchester Business Guide](#)
- *NEW!* 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 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.
- Annual Town Meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, June 22, 2020 at the Manchester Essex Regional High School.
- Town Election has been rescheduled to Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at the Manchester Essex Regional High School.
- Personal Property Tax, Real Estate Tax and Exemption Requests have been extended to June 1, 2020 due to new legislation and has been approved by the Board of Selectmen. For Tax questions contact Town Treasurer Jennifer Yaskell at yaskellj@manchester.ma.us or (978)526-2030. For Exemption questions contact Town Assessor Ginny Thompson at thompsong@manchester.ma.us or (978)526-2010
- ALL Town Parks, Beaches, Athletic Fields and the corresponding parking lots have been closed since March 22, 2020 due to COVID-19 related guidance. *Failure to adhere to these restrictions could result in a fine.*
- 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. For collector safety any bag not following these rules will be oops tagged, reported to the WM call center, and left behind. It will not be picked up as a missed collection. Large curbside items need to be called into WM as a special collection: 1-800-972-4545
- 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 COVID-19 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.