



July 1, 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 Total Positive Case Number as of Wednesday, July 1, 2020: 20

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

NEW! Ahead of the July 4th weekend, The Board of Health would like to remind residents that group gatherings should not exceed 10 people indoors or in confined outdoor spaces. Please exercise safety and caution while enjoying the holiday.

The Board of Health is seeking a new board member who is a medical doctor. The Board of Health is comprised of five appointed members and is responsible for the enforcement of State and Local public health regulations related to a wide variety of specialties. Click here to start the application process [MBTS Volunteer Application](#)

Effective May 6, 2020 Governor Baker has ordered all residents over the age of 2 to wear a *face covering* in public spaces unless exempt by a specific medical condition. You must wear a mask when entering any public building. You must also wear a mask outside only when proper social distancing of 6 feet is not possible. Take your mask along outdoors to be safe!

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.
- State of MA requires a face covering when in public spaces effective May 6, 2020.
- 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.



MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA COVID-19 GUIDELINES

- **NEW!** New Fire Chief Jason Cleary will be sworn in on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at the MBTS Firehouse. Due to COVID-19 precautions we will be Live Streaming the ceremony on the Town Facebook page @TownofMBTSOfficial.
- **NEW!** MBTS July 4th Home Decorating “Parade”. On July 4th from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. residents are invited to follow the list/map that will be distributed and “parade” through town admiring the patriotic themed homes entered in the contest. Prizes will be awarded!
- **NEW!** Transfer station will be closed on July 4, 2020.
- **NEW!** Town Hall is scheduled to resume public access on Monday, July 6, 2020. Please wear a face covering if you are able and practice social distancing.
- **NEW!** Thank you to all residents who safely participated in the Local Town Election on June 30, 2020. Election results will be posted [here](#).
- Manchester Parks and Recreation announced alternative plans for their traditional Summer Playground. This year weekly “Playground Kits” will be offered to enjoy at home which will include an art or STEM activity. Small group programs are also being added. Please check [MBTS Parks & Rec Activities](#) for program listings and to register for an Art/Stem Kit.
- MBTS Phase 3 of Reopening Parks and Beaches is in effect. Phase 3 allows resident only, daily beach access for sunbathing and swimming. Please read these guidelines prior to your park or beach visit at www.manchester.ma.us
- July 3rd fireworks at Singing Beach have been cancelled. They are tentatively rescheduled for September 4th (Rain date: September 6th). More details to come in the weeks ahead.
- On Monday, June 8, 2020 Governor Baker initiated Phase 2 of the MA Reopening Plan for Non-essential Businesses. To view the current state guidelines please visit www.mass.gov
- MA issued new grocery store guidance on April 7, 2020 limiting occupancy to 40% including employees.
- Visit the Business Guide on the Town website to find hours and services offered by our local retail and food businesses. [Manchester Business Guide](#)
- 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.
- 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 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.

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