



January 20, 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, January 20, 2021: 164

Active Cases: 13

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

REMINDER! Let's Trim the Sails MBTS! Personal responsibility will help bring our numbers down. Wear a face covering, stick with your own household, practice social distancing, stay home if you are sick and get tested.

Violations as of 1/20/21: The Board of Health and Manchester Police have not issued any new violations in the past week.

COVID-19 Testing in MA: [Mass.gov COVID Testing Information](#), [COVID-19 Testing Site Locator](#), [Stop the Spread Sites](#)

Please continue to practice the following preventive actions for COVID-19:

- Avoid indoor gatherings
- Avoid gathering with non-household members
- Wash your hands frequently
- Use hand sanitizer
- Wear face masks when in public places/spaces, at any distance
- If you do not feel well, stay home except to get COVID-19 tested
- If you think you have been exposed, isolate at home, until you get tested appropriately.
- If you test positive or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive, please answer the phone call from the Board of Health to receive guidance and complete contact tracing.
- 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 COMMUNITY UPDATES

- **NEW! Facts about the COVID-19 Vaccine:** Do you have questions about the vaccine? [Vaccine Distribution Details Vaccine FAQ](#)
- **NEW! Vaccine Timeline:** When will I be eligible to receive the vaccine? [Vaccine Timeline](#)
- **NEW! Flu Vaccine Requirement Lifted:** The Required flu vaccine for all Massachusetts School Students Enrolled in Child Care, Pre-School, K-12, and Post-Secondary Institutions has been lifted.
- **NEW! 40B Workshop:** The next 40B Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed 40B project. Meeting details, agenda, FAQ, project application and past recordings can be found [here](#).
- **NEW! Compost Site:** The Town Compost Site is now closed for the season. The site is scheduled to reopen in the spring.
- **NEW! Annual Town Nominations:** Interested in running for local office? Nomination papers for Manchester-by-the-Sea's Annual Town Election will be available to mail out to candidates—by request—on Thursday, January 21, 2021. Complete details can be found [here](#).
- **NEW! Updated Travel Guidance for Arriving in MA:** [MA Arrival Travel Order](#)
- **Vaccine Guidance:** Find the most current vaccine information and learn when you will be eligible, click [here](#). Scroll down to see current graphic.
- **MA COVID-19 Dashboard:** The State has released a new COVID-19 Interactive Dashboard providing essential data for residents to access. [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- **COVID-19 Vaccination Questions:** Do you have COVID-19 Vaccination Questions? You can now e-mail questions to: COVID-19-Vaccine-Plan-MA@mass.gov
- **Open Burning Season:** Burning Season begins on January 15. A permit must be obtained from the Manchester Fire Department and is contingent on weather. [MBTS Burn Permits](#)
- **Annual Town Census:** The annual Town Census has been mailed to residents. Please return in a timely manner via mail or the Town Hall drop box. contact the Town Clerks office with any questions at 978-526-2040.
- **Gathering Size Reminder:** The MA Department of Public Health and Governor Baker are reminding residents to adhere to the Gathering Order that is in effect to stop the spread of COVID-19. [MA Gathering Order](#)
- **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.
- **Governor Baker Issues New COVID-19 Restrictions for MA:** Effective December 26, 2020 new capacity and gathering restrictions have been ordered for MA residents. [December 26 Emergency Order](#)



MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA COMMUNITY UPDATES (Continued)

- MA Quarantine Instructions: The state has updated the quarantine guidelines. If you have been instructed to quarantine, please adhere to the following rules: [Quarantine Instructions](#)
- MA Rolls Back to Phase 3 Step 1: The new restrictions took effect on December 13. Please read the following guidance: [MA Phase 3 Step 1](#)
- 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](#)
- Allen's Pharmacy Announced COVID-19 Testing Site: Allen's Pharmacy has notified the Town that they are opening a COVID-19 PCR testing site operated by Veritas. Appointments are required and can be scheduled [here](#). Information on Veritas PCR Testing can be found [here](#).
- Stay at Home Advisory for MA: All residents are being asked to stay at home between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. (effective 11/6/20) [MA Stay at Home Advisory](#)
- 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](#)
- Early Closing Order for MA: Businesses, services and activities must close by 9:30 p.m. and not reopen before 5 a.m. (11/6/20) [Early Closing Order](#)
- MA Carpooling Guidance: To ensure passenger safety from COVID-19 please take the following precautions when traveling by car: Limit the number of occupants, all occupants should wear a face covering, open vehicle windows, clean touch points frequently.
- A Travel Order is in effect per order of the Governor. Please read requirements on traveling to and from Massachusetts. [MA Travel Order](#). Complaints should be directed to DPH.COVID.Complaints@mass.gov
- Licensing is required to operate certain in-home "learning pods" for K-12 students in MA. Please contact the Selectmen's Office for more information. To read the official guidance please visit [Governor Baker's Order on Childcare During School](#) and [Guidance from EEC and DECE](#).
- Restaurants may only serve alcohol on-site if accompanied by orders for food prepared on-site.
- 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, COVID-19 Hotline 211 or the Manchester Board of Health [BOH Complaint Form](#)
- 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.



When can I get a **COVID-19** vaccine in MA?

PHASE ONE

In order of priority

- Clinical and non-clinical healthcare workers doing direct and COVID-facing care
- Long term care facilities, rest homes and assisted living facilities
- First responders (EMS, Fire, Police)
- Congregate care settings (including corrections and shelters)
- Home-based healthcare workers
- Healthcare workers doing non-COVID-facing care

December - February
Estimated timeframes

PHASE TWO

In order of priority

- Individuals with 2+ comorbidities (high risk for COVID-19 complications), individuals age 75+, and residents and staff of public and private low income and affordable senior housing
- Early education and K-12 workers, transit, grocery, utility, food and agriculture, sanitation, public works and public health workers
- Adults 65+
- Individuals with one comorbidity

February - April

PHASE THREE

Vaccine available to general public

April - June

For more information on vaccine distribution visit [Mass.gov/COVIDvaccine](https://www.mass.gov/COVIDvaccine)

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 like 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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