



Town of Mansfield

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COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

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The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website Monday-Friday with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Four-Phase Approach to Reopening Starting May 18**

The Baker-Polito Administration essential services emergency order ends on May 18th when the Reopening Advisory Board will produce a plan outlining [a four-phase approach to reopening](#) the Massachusetts economy amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please note: ALL CURRENTLY DESIGNATED NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES MUST FOLLOW THIS FOUR-PHASE APPROACH TO RE-OPENING. NO NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESS SHOULD OPEN BEFORE THE PLAN IS RELEASED.

The goal of the phased reopening, based on public health guidance, is to methodically allow certain businesses, services, and activities to resume, while protecting public health and limiting a resurgence of new COVID-19 cases.

- Phase 1 will be “Start:” limited industries resume operations with severe restrictions.
- Phase 2 will be “Cautious:” additional industries resume operations with restrictions and capacity limits.
- Phase 3 will be “Vigilant:” additional industries resume operations with guidance.
- Phase 4 will be the “New Normal:” development of vaccine and/or therapy enables resumption of new normal.

Businesses and activities that provided “COVID-19 Essential Services,” per Governor Baker’s March 23rd order, will continue to operate. Certain businesses and activities with a lower risk of COVID-19 transmission will open in earlier phases. Decisions and timing will be influenced by public health metrics for when the first phase of reopening begins, as well as when it is safe to move into concurrent phases.

- **Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards**

The plan will and published Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards that will apply across all sectors and industries once reopening begins. The Department of Public Health (DPH) and the

COVID-19 Command Center, in consultation with the Reopening Advisory Board and based on feedback from industry, labor, and community coalitions, has developed [Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards](#) to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission as employees and customers begin to return to workplaces during the first phase of reopening. These Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards are applicable to all sectors and industries that will be open in phase one, and create new workplace requirements for social distancing, hygiene, staffing and operations, and cleaning. These standards are being released to give workplaces time to plan and prepare for reopening.

- **As of today, please see the below chart that represents our communities COVID-19 relates cases:**

<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#			
Positive COVID-19 under isolation	37	(updated 5/13 0800)	The State's CTC has now taken over. There will be delays on the numbers for positive cases recovered	
Total cases subject to quarantine & isolation	Unavailable at this time			
Positive Cases recovered	101			
			Total tested positive since beginning:	138
Covid-19 Related Deaths	13	(updated 5/13 0800)		

- **Answer the call and help stop the spread of COVID-19**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, along with Partners In Health, has created the [COVID-19 Community Tracing Collaborative](#). The program focuses on reaching out to the contacts of confirmed positive COVID-19 patients to help others who have been potentially exposed to the virus. When the MA COVID Team calls, you can do your part by answering the phone and providing helpful information that will help flatten and reduce the curve in Massachusetts. Phone calls will use the prefix 833 and 857 and your phone will say the call is from “MA COVID Team.” Calls will be made daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- **Face Covering Order Is In Effect**

Any person who is in a place open to the public in the Commonwealth, when unable to maintain a distance of approximately six feet from every other person, shall cover their mouth

and nose with a mask or cloth face covering. This order applies to both indoor and outdoor spaces. Exceptions include children under the age of 2 and those unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition. Face coverings are required at all times when:

- Inside or waiting in line outside of grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retail stores;
- Providing or using the services of any taxi, car, livery, ride-sharing, or similar service;
- On any form of public transit, including train or bus; and
- In an enclosed or semi-enclosed transit stop or waiting area.

Please see the Health Department's [Coronavirus webpage](#) for more information on tips on wearing and making face coverings under the Cloth Face Covering tab and more information on the actual order under the Governor's Orders tab.

- **Helpful Links:**

- [Get Involved: Community Contact Tracing Collaborative](#)
- [Jobs Available to Assist Long Term Care Facilities](#)
- [Mass.Gov/covid19](#)
- [Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency](#)
- [Unemployment & COVID-19](#)
- [Dept. Of Transitional Assistance Online Portal](#)
- [FrontlineMA.org](#)
- [Emergency Childcare Site](#)
- [MBTA.com/covid19](#)
- [COVID-19 Cost Eligibility and Tracking Guidance](#)
- [Complete List of Emergency Orders & Guidance](#)

- **Massachusetts COVID-19 Public Resources Map**

MEMA, together with MA VOAD and other partners, has developed a [COVID-19 Public Resources Map](#) showing the location of resources available to the public, such as food banks, houses of worship, and Project Bread site locations. Please note that this map is not inclusive of all resources and is only as accurate as the information that has been provided to MEMA.

- **Massachusetts COVID-19 Response Dashboard**

MEMA has developed and maintains a public-facing COVID-19 ArcGIS Online dashboard, available [here](#). This dashboard is continuously updated and captures information about current COVID 19 case counts, cases by age, cases by county, hospital status, hospital bed status, death tolls, and deaths by age. Users should refresh the dashboard on a daily basis as enhancements are continuously being added.

- **May is Mental Health Awareness Month**

Take care of your emotional health and help others do the same. If you need emotional support during these stressful times:

- Call 2-1-1 and choose the “CALL2TALK” option.
- The Massachusetts Network of Care is a searchable behavioral health directory of services and organizations.
- Samaritans is continuing operations 24/7, as always. During this unprecedented time, it can feel overwhelming to receive constant messages about COVID-19. Call or text their 24/7 helpline any time at 877-870-4673.
- The Disaster Distress Helpline, 1-800-985-5990, is a 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster, including disease outbreaks like COVID-19. This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all residents in the United States and its territories.