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Community Update – COVID19

May 11, 2020:

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. We urge the public to continue the important practices of social distancing in place at all times as we continue our fight against the virus in addition to regular hand washing on a regular basis. We are constantly learning more about the spread of this virus every day. What we do know is that there are many more asymptomatic people than originally thought and people may be contagious up to 2 days before showing symptoms. Even if you feel fine, you may still be a carrier and you must take precautions to not spread the virus to others.

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

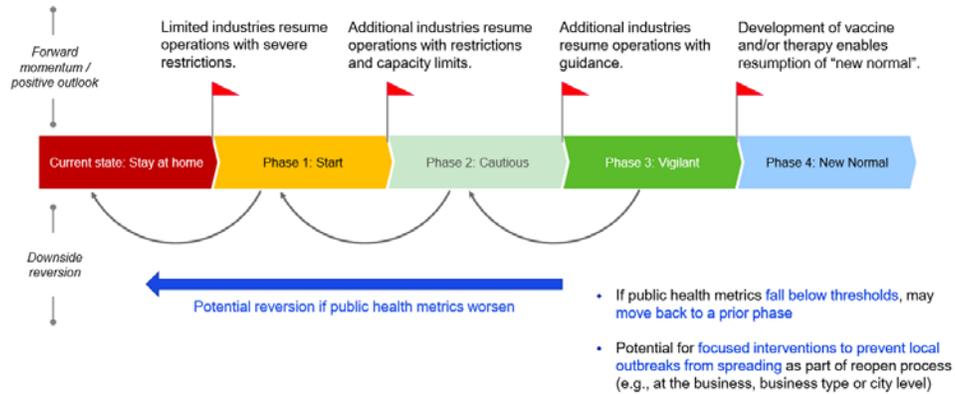
<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#			
Positive COVID-19 under isolation	32	(updated 5/11 0900)	The State's CTC has now taken over. There will be delays on the numbers for positive cases recovered	
Total cases subject to quarantine & isolation	Unavailable at this time			
Positive Cases recovered	101			
			Total tested positive since beginning:	133
Covid-19 Related Deaths	12	(updated 5/11 0900)		

Governor Baker announces a four phase approach to re-opening the state

At his daily press conference today, Governor Baker announced a four phase approach to re-opening the state's economy, starting on the targeted date of May 18th. Phase 1 reopening process includes social guidance, safety standards and sector specific protocols.



Four-Phase Approach to Reopening Massachusetts



We will provide overall social guidance, safety standards, and sector specific protocols for Phase 1 reopening process on three dimensions



Overall social guidance

E.g., restrictions on gathering sizes, social distancing, face coverings, limitations for vulnerable population



Mandatory safety standards for workplaces

E.g., limitations on office opening, allowed capacity, required distancing, cleaning protocols

Supported by safety protocol checklists / templates



Sector specific safety protocols and best practices

E.g., specific precautionary measures and safety protocols to protect employees or public (face coverings, separators)

Supported by sector specific safety protocol checklists / templates

Will also provide easy to digest public facing communication across each type of safety protocol and best practice



Mandatory Safety Standards for Workplaces

Safety Standards

NOTE: These safety standards are applicable to all sectors and industries. There will be sector-specific safety protocols and recommended best practices which provide further details and limited exceptions.

Social Distancing

- All persons, including employees, customers, and vendors should remain at least six feet apart to the greatest extent possible, both inside and outside workplaces
- Establish protocols to ensure that employees can practice adequate social distancing
- Provide signage for safe social distancing
- Require face coverings or masks for all employees

Hygiene Protocols

- Provide hand washing capabilities throughout the workplace
- Ensure frequent hand washing by employees and adequate supplies to do so
- Provide regular sanitization of high touch areas, such as workstations, equipment, screens, doorknobs, restrooms throughout work site

Staffing and Operations

- Provide training for employees regarding the social distancing and hygiene protocols
- Employees who are displaying COVID19-like symptoms do not report to work
- Establish a plan for employees getting ill from Covid-19 at work, and a return-to-work plan

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Establish and maintain cleaning protocols specific to the business
- When an active employee is diagnosed with COVID19, cleaning and disinfecting must be performed
- Disinfection of all common surfaces must take place at intervals appropriate to said workplace

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

The MA COVID Team and local boards of health are working together on a contact tracing program to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Massachusetts.

Contact tracing is an important tool in reducing the spread of the virus, along with testing and social distancing. Through the Community Tracing Collaborative, everyone who has tested positive will get a call from the Board of Health or the MA COVID Team, making sure they have the support they need to quarantine and get better, and to find out who they have recently been in contact with.

From there, the MA COVID Team or Board of Health will then talk to those contacts, encouraging them to get tested and to stay at home to not spread the virus further. Together with massive testing and hospital care follow up, contact tracing is absolutely essential to stop the virus and get our communities moving again.

What Happens Next? Answer the Call!

1. You will receive a phone call from the MA COVID Team. The number will either be: 833-638-1585 or 857-305-2728. It is important to answer the call.
2. During the phone call a Case Investigator will ask you for a list of all the people and places you were within six feet of during the 48 hours prior to your symptoms. For those who do not have symptoms, include all contacts 48 hours prior to your diagnosis. The Case Investigator will also ask for the phone numbers of any people you identify so that they can be reached and notified about their exposure.
3. You are encouraged to inform your contacts about your illness, the state will not share your information. The MA COVID Team call your contacts and tell them they have been exposed to COVID-19 so they can get tested, but will not release your name. This process is called contact tracing, and it is a very important piece to fighting this pandemic and stopping transmission.
4. We will not share any information with immigration officials or ICE.
5. If you are staying at home during the isolation period, the Case Investigator will also discuss any needs you may have for this time period and may connect you with a Care Resource Coordinator who will help you get the support you need.

A Case Investigator and/or your local board of health will check in on you regularly to monitor your symptoms and needs.

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](#)

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.