



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.

- **Guidance for Re-opening Massachusetts**

This morning, the Baker-Polito Administration released their comprehensive plan to safely reopen the Massachusetts economy, get people back to work, and ease social restrictions while minimizing the health impacts of COVID-19.

The report can be found [here](#).

Additionally, the Baker-Polito administration issued the Safer At Home Advisory. Safer At Home Means:

- Only leave home for health care, permitted work, shopping, and outdoor activities
- When going to the pharmacy ask if you can fill your prescriptions for 90 days if possible; for some medications this is not allowed. If you are at high-risk, try to use a mail-order service
- Don't participate in close contact activities such as pick-up sports games
- Use remote modes of communication like phone or video chat instead of visiting friends or family who are high risk for COVID-19
- Refrain from visiting nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, or other residential care settings
- Parents should limit play dates for children

- **Guidance for industries on the re-opening plan**

This [detailed commentary](#) is related to the Executive Order signed by Governor Baker on May 18, 2020. This document is intended to provide additional information on businesses and activities summarized in the Reopening Massachusetts report. This is not an exhaustive list of all possible businesses that can open in each phase; it may be updated from time to time.

Unless otherwise stated, businesses expected to be allowed to open in future phases will be subject to certain limitations and guidelines that will be provided at a later date. All businesses are required to follow Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards and Sector specific safety

protocols and best practices. All of this information is subject to revision based on the latest public health data.

- **General business guidance**

According to the Re-opening Plan, all businesses must meet certain self-certification requirements before reopening. Businesses operating to provide Essential Services, as defined in the Governor's Executive Order to comply with these mandatory safety standards.

- [COVID-19 control plan template](#) – Template that satisfies the written control plan requirement for self-certification
- [Compliance attestation poster](#) – Poster that customer facing businesses are required to print, sign, and post in an area within the business premises that is visible to workers and visitors
- [Employer](#) and [Worker](#) posters– Posters that businesses can print and display within the business premises to describe the rules for maintaining social distancing, hygiene protocols, and cleaning and disinfecting

- **Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards**

The re-opening plan includes [Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards](#) that will apply across all sectors and industries 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.

- **Sector-specific protocols and best practices**

Mandatory safety standards and recommended best practices for sectors that are eligible to open in Phase 1 are outlined in [sector-specific protocols](#). Additional sector guidance for future phases will be issued at a later date. Businesses operating to provide Essential Services, as defined in the Governor's Executive Order may remain open and have until May 25, 2020 to comply with their industry's sector-specific protocols (if applicable).

- 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	25	(updated 5/18 1200)	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	118			
			Total tested positive since beginning:	143
Covid-19 Related Deaths	13	(updated 5/18 1200)		

- **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.