



Town of Mansfield

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COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

May 21, 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.

- **Guidance for Re-opening Massachusetts**

Just in time for the warm weather, parks, open space, and outdoor education programs are part of Phase 1 of the Commonwealth's reopening with [specific guidance](#). Any parking lot restrictions will be removed on May 25th when allowed by the state. Please remember that there are still restrictions on the proper use and the need for continued diligence in social distancing and wearing face coverings when you cannot social distance for 6 feet.

Parks and Open Space

Walking, hiking, biking, running, and other activities (yoga, tai chi, etc.,) are allowable activities in parks and other designated areas such as rail trails, multi-use paths, and bike paths.

Parks and Open Space Guidelines:

- Visitors should always practice social distancing by remaining 6 feet away from others and adhering to all site-specific rules, regulations, and posted signage regarding permitted uses.
- On trails, walker and hikers should move aside and leave room for others to pass, and cyclists and runners should alert other users when approaching and wait for others to step aside before passing.
- After visiting public spaces, users should use wash their hands or use hand sanitizer.

Athletic Fields and Non-Contact Courts (Non-Organized/Permitted Use)

Athletic fields and athletic courts can be utilized only for non-contact sports, with no shared equipment, such as tennis and pickleball. No permits should be issued for group gatherings and users should not engage in pick-up games, organized games or tournaments.

Athletic Fields Guidelines:

- Users should sanitize hands before and after play, not share equipment, and clean and wipe down equipment.
- When engaged in play, users should avoid touching other users' equipment in separate areas.

- Users waiting to utilize a section or area of the field should wait outside the field of play until previous users have vacated the facility to ensure proper social distancing and prevent accidental contact of other users' equipment.
- Users should not engage in pick-up games, organized games, or tournaments.

Athletic Courts (Non-Contact) Guidelines:

- Users should sanitize hands before and after play, not share equipment and clean and wipe down equipment, including racquets, balls, and water bottles.
- Users waiting to utilize a court should wait outside the court's gates/fence until previous users have vacated the facility to ensure proper social distancing and prevent accidental contact of other users' equipment.
- Users should not engage in pick-up games, organized games, or tournaments.

Phase 2 will include playgrounds, all athletic fields and courts with guidelines, and youth sports in a limited fashion with guidelines.

Phase 3 will include youth sports with games and tournaments with limited crowd sizes and additional activities and services with guidelines.

Phase 4 will be full resumption of all outdoor recreation and activities.

- **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	31	(updated 5/21 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	105			
			Total tested positive since beginning:	149
Covid-19 Related Deaths	13	(updated 5/21 0900)		

- **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.
- If you or a family/household member does not feel safe at home, please call **1-800-799-7233** for live support. If you are unable to speak safely, you can log onto thehotline.org to chat online, or text **LOVEIS** to **22522**.