



# *Town of Mansfield*

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## **COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19**

**July 2, 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. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).



## Fourth of July Safety Tips

- ! Practice social distancing when possible. Keep 6 feet away from people that are not a part of your household.
- ! Social distancing includes dogs, also keep them 6 feet away from those who are not a part of your household.
- ! When outdoors picnicking or at the beach, keep blankets 12 feet apart.
- ! Watch fireworks from an automobile or at a safe distance from other people.
- ! Wash or sanitize your hands often.
- ! Do not share water bottles or utensils for eating or serving.



- 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	3	(updated 7/2 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	149			
			Total tested positive since beginning:	165
Covid-19 Related Deaths	13	(updated 7/2 0800)		

- Reopening Massachusetts: Baker-Polito Administration initiates transition to third phase of four-phase approach

The Baker-Polito Administration today announced that on July 6<sup>th</sup>, Phase III of the Commonwealth’s reopening plan will begin and updates on gatherings will be in effect. For the City of Boston, Phase III and the gatherings order will take effect on Monday, July 13th.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) also issued updated guidance to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

**Step One of Phase III:**

On May 18, the administration released a four-phased plan to reopen the economy based on public health data, spending at least three weeks in each phase. Key public health data, such as new cases and hospitalizations, have been closely monitored and has seen a decline allowing for Phase III to begin on July 6th. Phase III will begin on July 13<sup>th</sup> in Boston.

The public health dashboard designating the progress of key COVID-19 data metrics has been updated to reflect the number of COVID-19 patients in Massachusetts hospitals to green, indicating a positive trend.

Since mid-April, the 7-day average for the positive COVID-19 test rate is down 94 percent, the 3-day average of hospitalized patients is down 79 percent and the number of hospitals in surge is down 86 percent.

More than 1,000,000 total COVID-19 tests have been administered, and testing continues throughout the state.

The following businesses will be eligible to reopen in Step One of Phase III, subject to industry-specific rules concerning capacity and operations:

- Movie theaters and outdoor performance venues;
- Museums, cultural and historical sites;
- Fitness centers and health clubs;
- Certain indoor recreational activities with low potential for contact;
- Professional sports teams, under the authority of league-wide rules, may hold games without spectators

Full guidance and list of businesses eligible to reopen in Step One of Phase III can be found at [www.mass.gov/reopening](http://www.mass.gov/reopening). Businesses and sectors set to begin opening in Phase III are subject to compliance with all mandatory safety standards.

#### **Revised Gatherings Order:**

Under the updated gatherings order, indoor gatherings are limited to eight people per 1,000 square feet, but should not exceed 25 people in a single enclosed, indoor space.

Outdoor gatherings in enclosed spaces are limited to 25 percent of the facility's maximum permitted occupancy, with a maximum of 100 people in a single enclosed outdoor space. This includes community events, civic events, sporting events, concerts, conventions and more. This order does not apply to outdoor, unenclosed gatherings if proper social distancing measures are possible.

This revised order does not supersede previously issued sector guidance, and is effective beginning Monday, July 6. It will be effective Monday, July 13 in the City of Boston.

#### **Public Health Guidance:**

In Phase III, health care providers may continue to provide in-person procedures and services as allowed in Phase II, with the addition of certain group treatment programs and day programs. These programs include adult day health, day habilitation programs, and substance abuse services day treatment and outpatient services. Certain human services programs can reopen including community based day services for adults with intellectual and cognitive disabilities and psychosocial rehabilitation clubhouses.

Health care providers are subject to compliance with all mandatory safety standards, and must continue to utilize prioritization policies established in Phase II for care delivery and scheduling,

as well as monitor patient volume for non-essential, elective procedures and services. Read the full guidance [here](#).

In Phase III, visitation guidelines have been updated for 24/7 congregate care facilities and programs overseen by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, including the Departments of Developmental Services, Youth Services, Children and Families, Public Health, Mental Health and the Mass Rehabilitation Commission. Offsite visits, including overnight visits, will be allowed, under specific guidelines. Other updated guidelines, including visitation for long term care facilities, will be released later today. Complete visitation guidance is available at [www.mass.gov/hhs/reopening](http://www.mass.gov/hhs/reopening).

MassHealth will also extend its current telehealth flexibility through at least the end of the year to ensure member access to critical health care services and encourage continued adherence to preventative public health precautions.

- **Travel to Massachusetts**

A number of states have issued travel restrictions. The situation is rapidly changing. For national travel information, please visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

All travelers arriving to Massachusetts – including Massachusetts residents returning home – are instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days, except that, beginning July 1, 2020, travelers from Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New York, and New Jersey arriving in Massachusetts are exempt from this directive and need not self-quarantine for 14 days. In addition, workers designated by the federal government as essential critical infrastructure workers are exempt from the directive to self-quarantine for 14 days if traveling to Massachusetts for work purposes. All persons are instructed not to travel to Massachusetts if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19.

- [Instructions For Visitors Entering Massachusetts](#)
- [10 Tips for At-Home Quarantine or Self-Monitoring](#)
- [Learn about restrictions for lodging operators](#)

[Click here](#) for the latest information from the U.S. Department of State on international travel.