

COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

July 23, 2020:

The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website 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](#).

How to Safely Wear and Take Off a Cloth Face Covering

Accessible: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

WEAR YOUR FACE COVERING CORRECTLY

- Wash your hands before putting on your face covering
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily
- Do not place a mask on a child younger than 2



USE THE FACE COVERING TO HELP PROTECT OTHERS

- Wear cloth face coverings in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain
- Don't put the covering around your neck or up on your forehead
- Don't touch the face covering, and, if you do, clean your hands

FOLLOW EVERYDAY HEALTH HABITS

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available



TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTH FACE COVERING CAREFULLY, WHEN YOU'RE HOME

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place covering in the washing machine
- Wash your hands with soap and water



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Cloth face coverings are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, both of which should be saved for health care workers and other medical first responders.

For instructions on making a cloth face covering, see:

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

- **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	2	(updated 7/23 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	153			
			Total tested positive since beginning:	168
Covid-19 Related Deaths	13	(updated 7/23 0800)	Last Covid death in Mansfield 5/10/20	

- **Baker-Polito Administration Extends Moratorium on Evictions and Foreclosures to October 17**

Governor Charlie Baker [extended the pause on evictions and foreclosures for 60 days](#), until October 17, 2020, through the authority granted to the governor by Chapter 65 of the Acts of 2020, *An Act providing for a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures during the COVID-19 Emergency*, which was signed into law on April 20, 2020. This law's limitations on evictions and foreclosures have allowed many tenants and homeowners impacted by COVID-19 to remain in their homes during the state of emergency, and this extension provides residents of the Commonwealth with continued housing security as businesses cautiously re-open, more people return to work, and the state collectively moves toward a "new normal." The moratorium was set to expire on August 18, 2020.

[Click here to read the extension letter.](#)

Tenants are strongly encouraged to continue to pay rent, and homeowners to make their mortgage payments, to the extent they are able. To assist low-income households in making rent and mortgage payments, as well as support landlords needing these rent payments to pay expenses, the [Baker-Polito Administration launched a new \\$20 million, statewide fund](#), the Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance (ERMA) program, on July 1st.

This funding complements the \$18 million currently available through the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) homeless prevention program, which can also be

used for rent or mortgage payments. In each program, landlords or mortgage lenders receive payments directly from the RAFT administering agencies.

During this 60-day extension, the Administration will consult with the court administrators and other stakeholders regarding programs and policies to help tenants avoid eviction when proceedings resume.

The law suspends most residential and small business commercial evictions, as well as residential foreclosures. It does not relieve tenants or homeowners of their obligation to pay rent or make mortgage payments. The law also:

- Prevents landlords from sending notifications to residential tenants that threaten eviction or terminating of a lease;
- Limits court actions on non-essential evictions;
- Relieves tenants, both residents and small commercial, from late fees and negative credit reporting;
- Allows landlords to use “last month’s rent” to pay for certain expenses, though not as a replacement rent payment, and only with proper notification of tenant;
- Requires lenders to grant a forbearance for up to 180 days if a homeowner experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 submits such a request; and
- Allows for alternative payment agreements between lenders and borrowers regarding forbearance payments.

Additional resources and information can be found on DHCD’s [COVID-19 Resource Page](#).