

COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

December 29, 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](#).

- **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	165	(updated 12/29 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	600	
Total tested positive since beginning:	785	
Mansfield Community Designation Level	Red	Red-higher risk Yellow- moderate risk Green- lower risk
Covid-19 Related Deaths	20	Last Covid death in Mansfield 12/17/20



- **Everyone Can Make New Year's Eve Celebrations Safer**

If you are celebrating the New Year with people outside your household, make sure you follow steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Wear a mask

- Wear a mask with two or more layers to stop the spread of COVID-19 to protect others and yourself.
- Wear your [mask](#) over your nose and mouth, secure it under your chin, and make sure it fits snugly against the sides of your face.
- Wear a mask indoors and outdoors.
- In cold weather, [wear your mask](#) under your scarf, ski mask, or balaclava.
- Keep a spare mask in case your mask becomes wet from moisture in your breath or from snow or rain.

Stay at least 6 feet apart

- Stay 6 feet away from others who do not live with you.
- Indoors or outdoors, you are more likely to get or spread COVID-19 when you are in [close contact](#) with others for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- It is especially important for [people who are at higher risk of getting very sick](#) to stay 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from other people.

Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces

- The more people you are in contact with, the more likely you are to be exposed to COVID-19.
- Avoid gatherings and celebrations with a lot of people that make staying 6 feet apart from those who don't live with you difficult.
- Avoid indoor spaces as much as possible, especially ones that aren't well ventilated.
- If indoors, [open windows and doors](#). Use a window fan to blow air out, which will pull fresh air in through the open windows.

Wash your hands

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing and before eating.
 - Make sure to dry your hands completely using a clean towel or by air drying.
- If soap and water aren't available, use [hand sanitizer](#) with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your mask, eyes, nose, and mouth.

Stay home if you are sick

- [Stay home](#) if you are sick, except to get medical care.

- [Isolate yourself](#) from other members of your family and wear a mask.
- Even if you don't feel sick, you can still spread COVID-19 to others.

Get a flu shot as soon as possible

- The [flu shot](#) can help protect you and your family, friends, and community from getting and spreading flu.
- By getting a flu shot, you can also help lower hospital visits and serious health problems from flu.

COVID-19 vaccines

- While it is possible that some people may receive [COVID-19 vaccines](#) before New Year's Eve, continue taking steps to protect yourself and others for some time to come.

Safer New Year's Celebrations with Friends and Family

Staying home and celebrating with the people you live with or celebrating virtually with loved ones is the safest choice this year. Do not attend large gatherings this year. If you do host or attend a small gathering, everyone can take steps to make celebrating the New Year safer.

If you host a celebration

- Talk with guests ahead of time to set expectations for celebrating together.
- Limit the number of guests.
- [Keep celebrations outdoors](#), if possible.
- If indoors, [open windows and doors](#). Use a window fan to blow air out, which will pull fresh air in through the open windows.
- [Clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces and items between use.
- Have guests bring their own food, drinks, plates, cups, and utensils.
- Have extra unused masks available for your guests and encourage everyone to wear them inside and outside.
- Keep background music volume low so guests don't need to shout.
- It's okay if you decide to postpone or cancel your gathering. [Do what's best for you.](#)

If you attend a celebration

- It's okay if you decide to stay home and remain apart from others. [Do what's best for you.](#)
- If traveling for a celebration, know what to do [before, during, and after travel](#).
- Bring your own food, drinks, and disposable plates, cups, and utensils.

- Wear a mask indoors and outdoors and [safely store your mask](#) while eating and drinking.
- Avoid [alcohol and drugs](#) that can alter judgement and make it difficult to practice COVID-19 safety measures.
- Avoid shouting and singing.
- Avoid areas where food is prepared, such as the kitchen.
- Use single-use options, like condiment packets.