

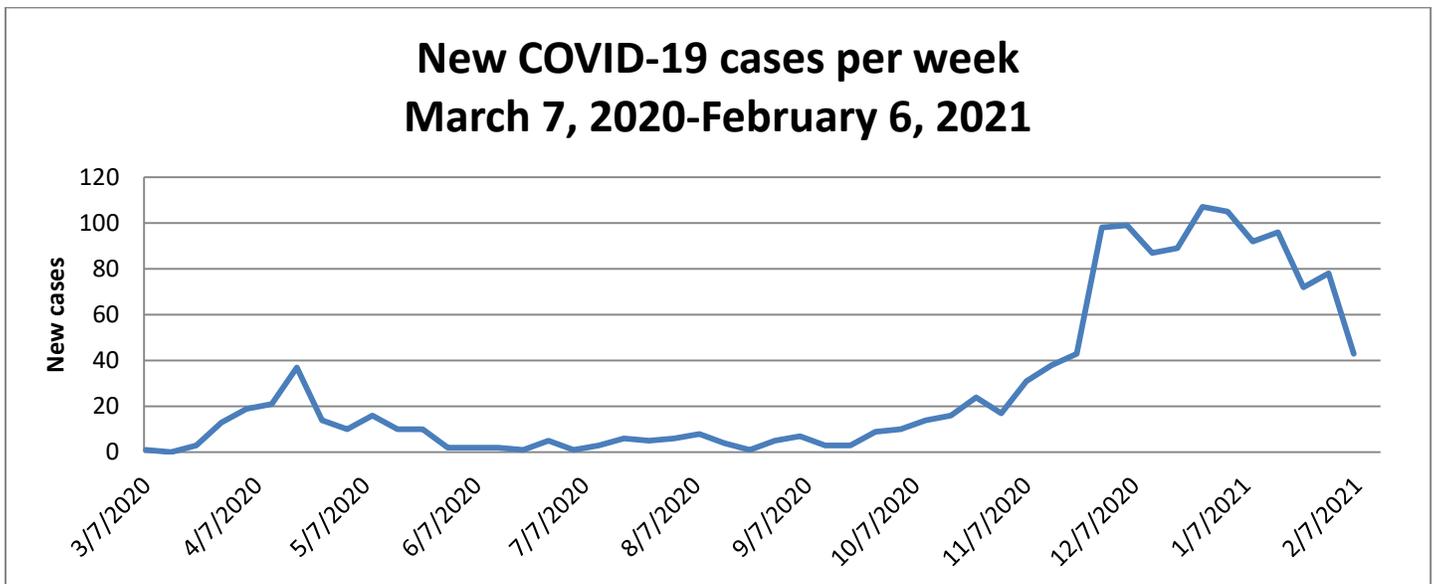
COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

February 12, 2021:

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> | # | |
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| Positive COVID-19 under isolation | 64 | (updated 2/12 08:00) |
| Positive Cases recovered | 1276 | |
| Total tested positive since beginning: | 1362 | |
| Mansfield Community Designation Level | Red | Red-higher risk Yellow- moderate risk Green- lower risk |
| Covid-19 Related Deaths | 22 | Last Covid death in Mansfield 01/15/21 |





- **Have a Safer Valentine’s Day**

The safest way to celebrate Valentine’s Day is gathering virtually or with people who live with you.

- Make Valentine cards or decorations and drop them off to loved ones.
- Take a walk with your Valentine.
- Celebrate with loved ones virtually.
- Prepare a special meal or dessert.
- Plan a special movie or game night.
- Have a picnic outside.

If you plan to celebrate with people who don’t live with you, outdoors is safer than indoors.

Everyone Can Make Holiday Celebrations Safer

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 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.

- Remember that people without symptoms or with a recent negative test result can still spread COVID-19 to others.

Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated indoor spaces

- As much as possible, avoid crowds and indoors spaces that do not offer fresh air from the outdoors. If indoors, bring in fresh air by opening windows and doors, if possible.

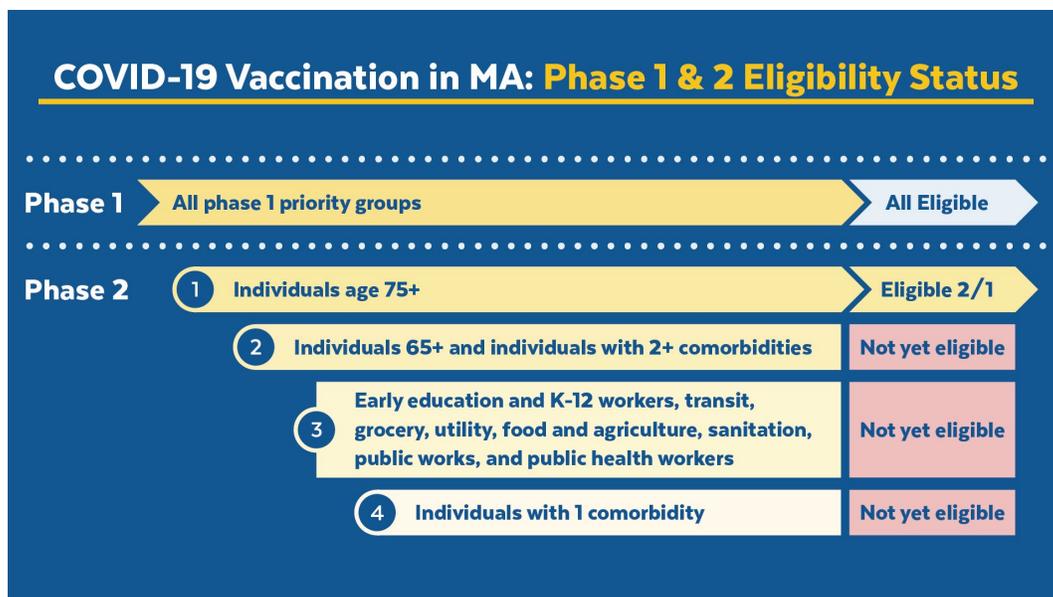
Wash your hands

- Wash 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 are not readily available, use a [hand sanitizer](#) that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your mask, eyes, nose, and mouth.

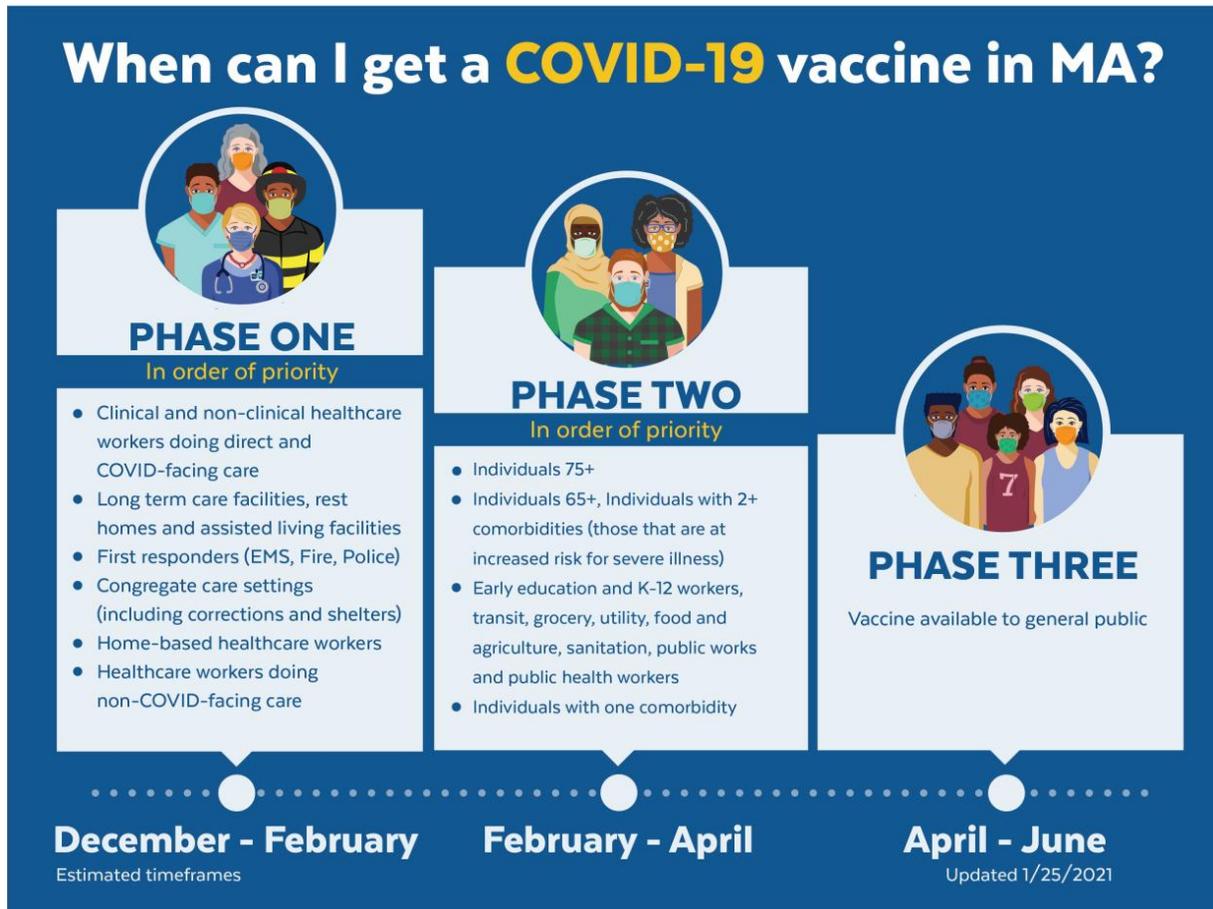
Get Your Flu and COVID-19 Shots

- Get your flu and COVID-19 shots as soon as possible.
- Do not get the shots at the same time. Get them at least 14 days apart.
- 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.

- Current Status of Vaccination Priority Groups**



When can I get a COVID-19 vaccine in MA?



- **Everyone in Phase 1 & individuals 75+ can get the COVID-19 vaccine**

Massachusetts has started to vaccinate against COVID-19. We continue to expand eligibility to more groups of people, **but vaccine supply is severely limited**. At this [website](#), you will find tools to help determine when you are eligible, how to find a vaccination location, and how to prepare for your appointment.

Council on Aging staff is available to assist any vaccine-eligible seniors who need help navigating the scheduling process. Please call 508-261-7368.

Massachusetts Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line

The Governor's Administration has established a new call center to help residents 75 and older more easily schedule an appointment if they do not have internet or are unable to use the website at www.mass.gov/COVIDVaccine. The COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line is a dedicated telephone line available to residents 75 and older. The call center will be staffed with over 500 representatives who can provide live phone support to assist residents with booking an appointment. The line will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Live call center workers will be available in English and Spanish, and 100 additional languages will be

available through translators. **Call center workers will have the same access to appointments that users will see on the public website.**

The line can be accessed by dialing 2–1–1 and selecting the prompt for “Help Scheduling a Vaccine Appointment.” Residents may have to wait on the line given expected high call volume. Once connected with a representative, the caller will be asked to confirm he/she is 75 or older and either has no internet access or otherwise cannot use the website to book an appointment. Call-takers will then use the state’s COVID-19 vaccine site map to find nearby locations and determine whether appointments are available. If no appointments are available within a distance the caller can travel, then callers will be offered the chance to be placed on a call-back list for the mass vaccination sites. Residents will receive a call-back as appointments become available at these sites. Due to high demand and limited supply, callers may experience significant wait times. The Administration will monitor wait times and make necessary adjustments.

This resource line is not to answer general questions about COVID-19 or provide individual health care advice. **The quickest and easiest way to schedule a vaccine appointment or check availability is to use the online system at mass.gov/covidvaccine.**

At this point, the Town does not have any vaccine for public distribution. Please go to the [COVID webpage](#) for vaccine information and updates.

- **Massachusetts Caregiver/Companion COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility**

Effective Thursday, February 11th, an individual who accompanies a person age 75 or older to one of four mass vaccination sites to receive the vaccine will be eligible to receive the vaccine too, if they have an appointment booked. **Both the companion and the individual age 75 or older must have an appointment for the same day and both individuals must be present. Only one companion is permitted. The companion must attest that they are accompanying the individual to the appointment.**

- **Vaccine Information for the general public**

It will take time to get everyone vaccinated.

Before you are vaccinated, between doses, and even after you are fully vaccinated, we must continue [stop the spread of COVID-19](#). Wear a mask, wash your hands, avoid groups, and keep your distance.

[COVID-19 Vaccine in Massachusetts](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccination Locations](#)

[When can I get the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

[COVID-19 frequently asked questions](#)

[How to prepare for your COVID-19 vaccine appointment](#)

***The COVID-19
vaccine is being
administered
free of
charge!***

When its your turn to get vaccinated, you may be contacted by your employer, place of residence, or primary care provider.

For updates & more information visit:
www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine

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