

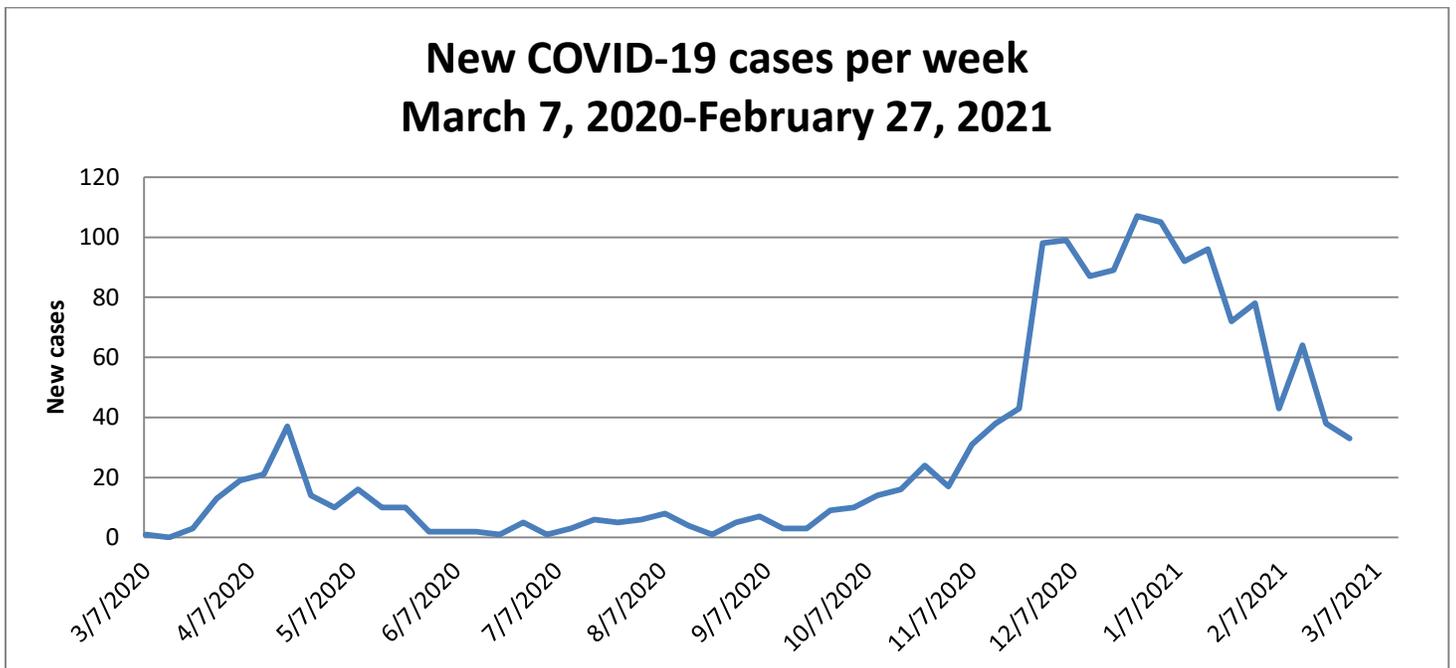
## COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

**March 4, 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>	#	
<b>Positive COVID-19 under isolation</b>	<b>50</b>	(updated 3/04 08:00)
<b>Positive Cases recovered</b>	<b>1402</b>	
<b>Total tested positive since beginning:</b>	<b>1474</b>	
<b>Mansfield Community Designation Level</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	Red-higher risk Yellow- moderate risk Green- lower risk
<b>Covid-19 Related Deaths</b>	<b>22</b>	Last Covid death in Mansfield 01/15/21



- [What Older Adults Need to Know about COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

The risk of severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age. Currently in MA individuals who are 65 years of age and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is an important step to help prevent getting sick from COVID-19. That said it might take time before enough vaccines are made for everyone who wants to be vaccinated.

**You can help protect yourself and the people around you by getting the vaccine when it is available.**

- Studies show that [COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective](#) in preventing severe illness from COVID-19.
- You can't get COVID-19 from the vaccine.
- Depending on the kind of COVID-19 vaccine you get, you might need a second shot 3 or 4 weeks after your first shot.

**After getting the vaccine, some people have side effects. Common side effects include:** pain where the shot is given,

- fever,
- chills,
- tiredness,
- or a headache for 1-2 days.

These are normal signs that your body is building protection against COVID-19. Learn more about [what to expect after getting your COVID-19 vaccine](#).

**Even after getting the COVID-19 vaccine, you should still:**

- wear a well-fitting mask that covers your nose and mouth when around others
- stay at least 6 feet away from others
- avoid crowds
- avoid poorly ventilated spaces
- wash your hands often



We still have more to learn about [how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions](#), so it is important to continue to follow [all safety recommendations](#) to help stop the pandemic.

The [vaccine is free of charge](#) to people living in the United States. However, your vaccination provider may bill your insurance for administering the vaccine. No one can be denied a vaccine if they are unable to pay this cost.

**Scam Alert:** If anyone asks you to pay for access to vaccine, you can bet it's a scam. Don't share your personal or financial information if someone calls, texts, or emails you promising access to the vaccine for an extra fee.

- **Steps to get your vaccination**

Step 1: Check your eligibility below or [use our tool](#)

Step 2: [Book an appointment](#)

Step 3: [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.**

- **Current Status of Vaccination Priority Groups**

**Phase 2 (February-March 2021)**

Listed in order of priority:

- **Group 1:** [Individuals age 75+](#)
- **Group 2:** [Individuals age 65+, individuals with 2+ certain medical conditions, and/or residents and staff of low income and affordable senior housing.](#)
- **NEXT THURSDAY, MARCH 11<sup>th</sup>:** K-12 and early childhood educators, child care workers, and K-12 school staff
- **Not yet eligible: Group 3:** Other workers, including transit, utility, food and agriculture, sanitation, public works and public health workers.
- **Not yet eligible: Group 4:** Individuals with one [certain medical condition](#)

More details on all the COVID-19 vaccination phases can be found [here](#).

- **MA Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line**

The [Massachusetts Vaccine Scheduling Resource](#) Line is available to support people 75 and older to schedule a COVID-19 appointment if they are unable to use or have difficulty accessing the internet. **This line is reserved only for people who do not have internet access or have the capability to schedule an appointment online.**

**The call center hours of operation:**

- **Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

For assistance scheduling, dial 2-1-1 and follow the prompts for vaccine appointments. The Massachusetts Scheduling Resource Line is available in English and Spanish and has translators available to support residents in approximately 100 additional languages.

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](https://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.

[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](#)