

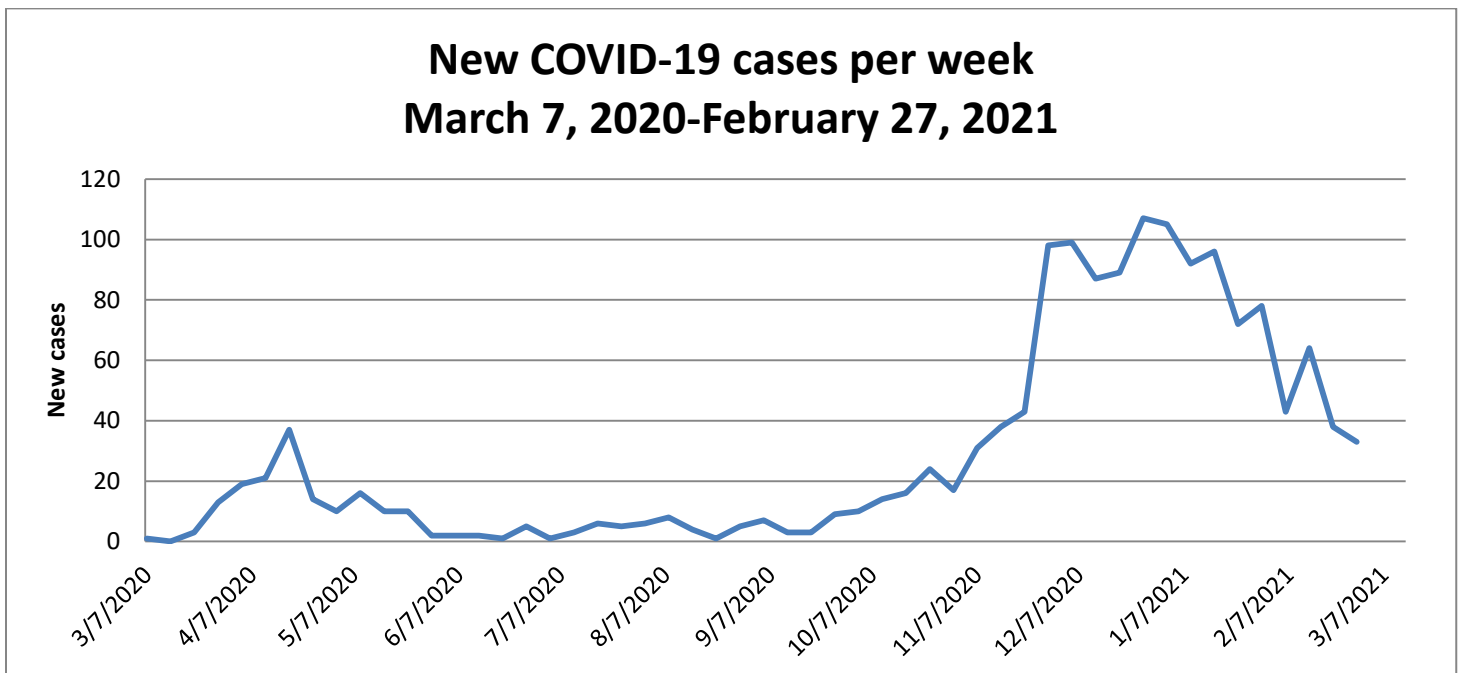
COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

March 5, 2021:

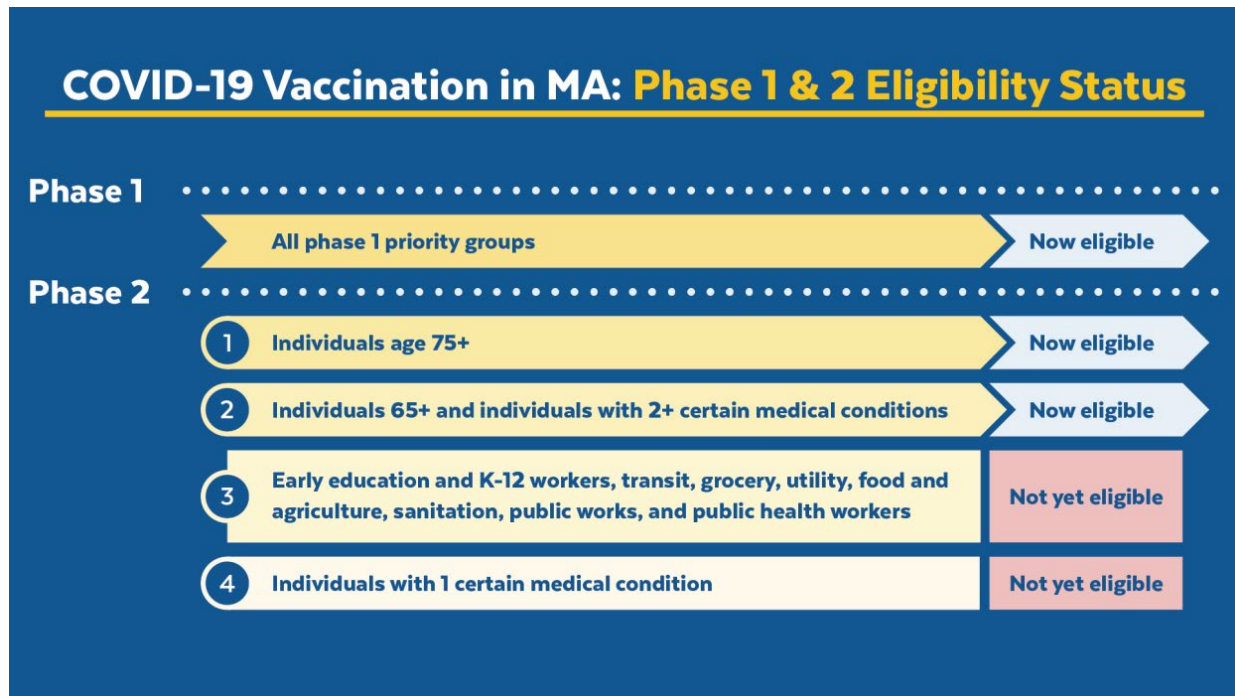
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).

- **As of today, please see the below chart that represents our communities COVID-19 relates cases:**

<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#	
Positive COVID-19 under isolation	49	(updated 3/05 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	1405	
Total tested positive since beginning:	1476	
Mansfield Community Designation Level	Yellow	Red-higher risk Yellow- moderate risk Green- lower risk
Covid-19 Related Deaths	22	Last Covid death in Mansfield 01/15/21



- **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 11th:** 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](#)

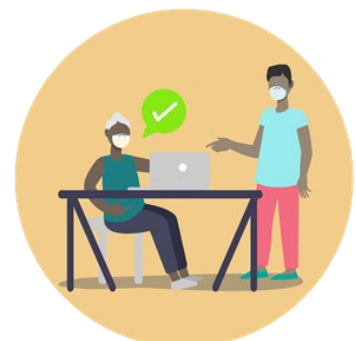
More details on all the COVID-19 vaccination phases can be found [here](#).

- **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.

- **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.**

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](#)

How mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines Work

Understanding the virus that causes COVID-19.

Coronaviruses like the one that causes COVID-19 are named for the crown-like spikes on their surface, called **spike proteins**. These **spike proteins** are ideal targets for vaccines.

What is mRNA?

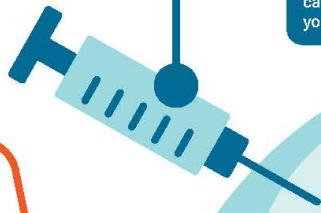
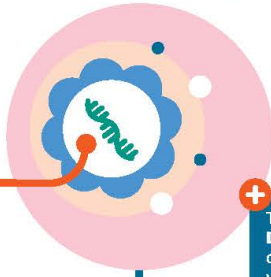
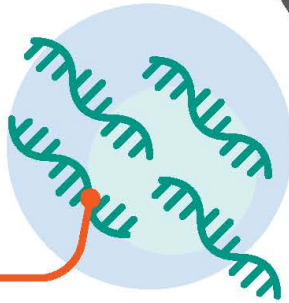
Messenger RNA, or mRNA, is genetic material that tells your body how to make proteins.

What is in the vaccine?

The vaccine is made of mRNA wrapped in a coating that makes delivery easy and keeps the body from damaging it.

How does the vaccine work?

The mRNA in the vaccine teaches your cells how to make copies of the **spike protein**. If you are exposed to the real virus later, your body will recognize it and know how to fight it off.



+ The vaccine **DOES NOT** contain ANY virus, so it cannot give you COVID-19.

+ When your body responds to the vaccine, it can sometimes cause a mild fever, headache, or chills. This is completely normal and a sign that the vaccine is working.

Antibody

+ After the mRNA delivers the instructions, your cells break it down and get rid of it.

Getting vaccinated?

For information about COVID-19 vaccine, visit: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines)

