

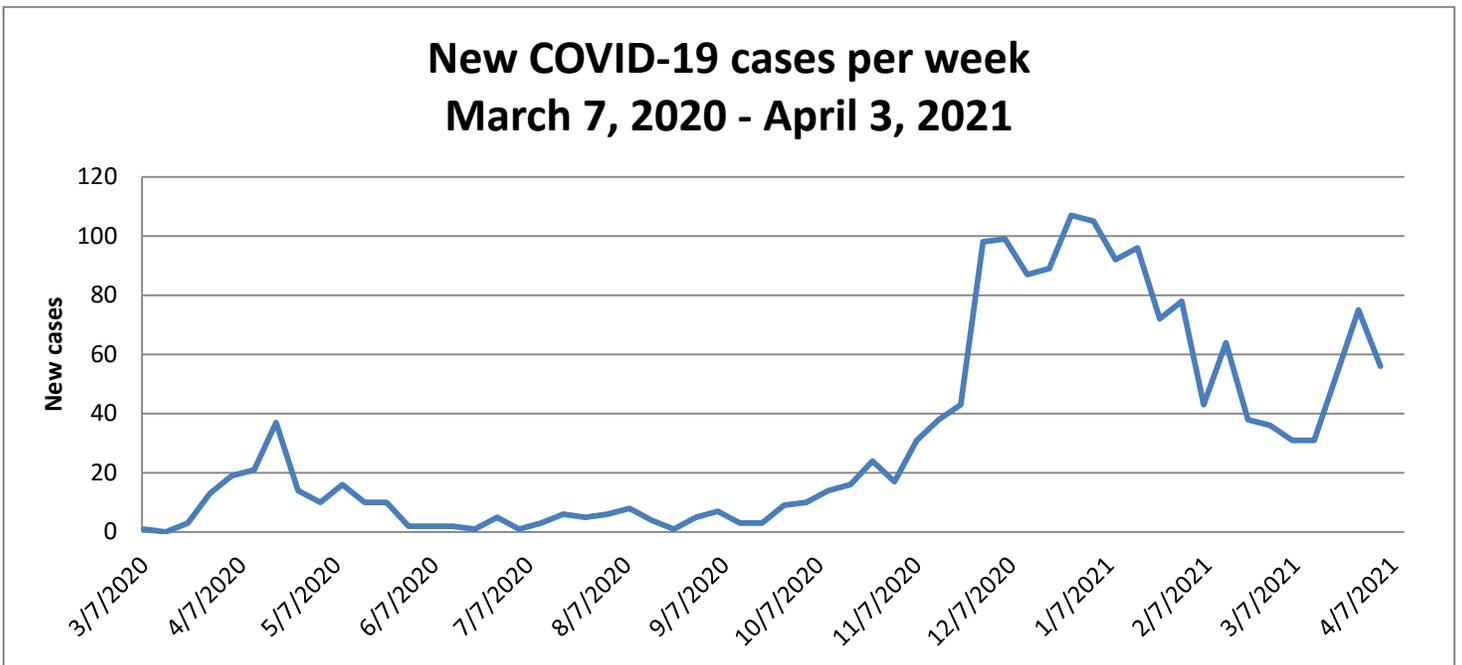
COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

April 9, 2021:

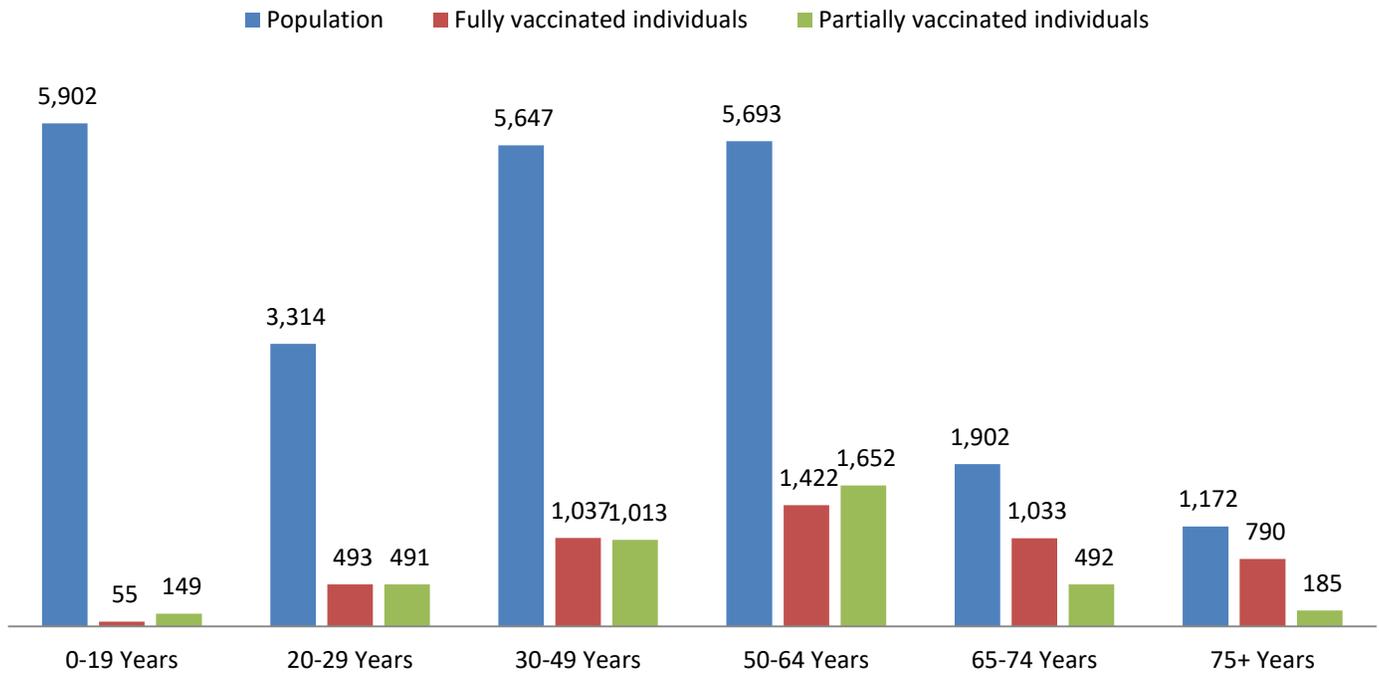
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).

- **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	60	(updated 4/9 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	1663	
Total tested positive since beginning:	1746	
Mansfield Community Designation Level	Red	Red-higher risk Yellow- moderate risk Green- lower risk
Covid-19 Related Deaths	23	Last Covid death in Mansfield 03/01/21



Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield as of April 8, 2021



* vaccine use is currently only approved for ages 16 and above

- [Guidance for people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19](#)

COVID-19 vaccines that are currently authorized in the United States are very effective at protecting vaccinated people against severe COVID-19. Until more people are vaccinated, some prevention measures will continue to be necessary for all people, even people who have been fully vaccinated. This guidance is based on [CDC recommendations](#) for fully vaccinated people. What it means to be fully vaccinated

People are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 if they have received two doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines or a single dose of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine more than 14 days ago.

This guidance does **not** apply to fully vaccinated individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19.

Gathering with other people

1. **Continue wearing a mask and avoiding close contact with others in public.**

COVID-19 vaccination will help keep you from getting sick from COVID-19 but experts continue to conduct more studies about whether the vaccines also keep people from

spreading COVID-19. Wearing masks and social distancing help lower your chance of spreading the virus to others. Together, COVID-19 vaccination and following CDC's recommendations for [how to protect yourself and others](#) will offer the best protection from getting and spreading COVID-19.

2. You may visit other people who have been fully vaccinated.

You may visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors in private settings without wearing masks or physical distancing. For example, if you are fully vaccinated, it is likely a low risk for you to invite other fully vaccinated friends to dinner inside your home.

3. Take precautions when visiting people who have *not* been vaccinated.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health recommends following CDC guidance which says you may visit in a private setting indoors with unvaccinated people **from a single household** who are at **low risk of [severe COVID-19](#) disease** without wearing masks or physical distancing. For example, fully vaccinated grandparents can visit indoors with their unvaccinated healthy child and their healthy children without wearing masks or physical distancing, provided none of the unvaccinated family members are at risk of severe COVID-19.

If the unvaccinated people are from **multiple households** OR are at **increased risk** of severe COVID-19, everyone involved should take precautions including wearing a well-fitted mask, staying at least 6 feet away from others, and visiting outdoors or in a well-ventilated space. For example, if a fully vaccinated individual visits with an unvaccinated friend who is seventy years old and therefore at risk of severe disease, the visit should take place outdoors, wearing well-fitted masks, and maintaining physical distance (at least 6 feet).

4. Follow state guidance on participating in large gatherings, like weddings and concerts.

Everyone, even people who have been fully vaccinated, should adhere to current guidance on gathering limits, as well as sector-specific safety rules for activities such as concerts. Review the latest orders on [Limits on Gatherings](#).

Isolation, quarantine and testing

1. You do not need to follow the Massachusetts Travel Advisory.

The advisory for all visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, to quarantine for 10 days upon their arrival does not apply to people who are fully vaccinated.

2. Stay home and get tested if you feel sick.

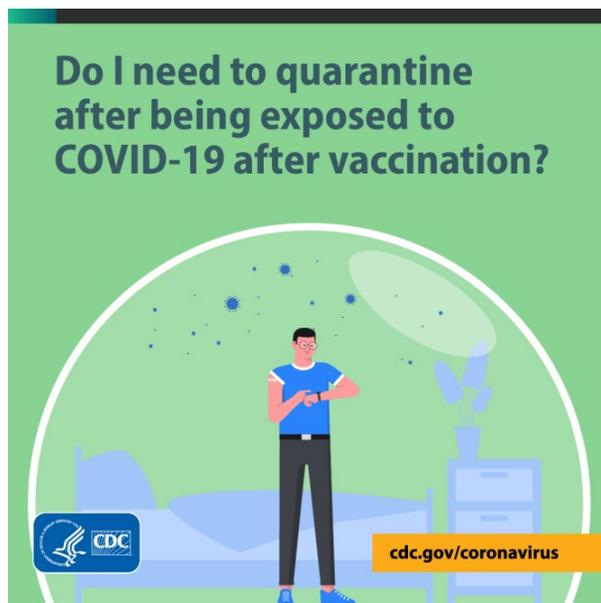
While vaccines are highly effective there is still a chance you can get COVID-19 even after you get the vaccine. If you develop respiratory symptoms like runny nose, cough, or loss of sense of smell or taste, these are not side effects of the vaccine and you should consider getting tested for COVID-19 or talk to your healthcare provider. Stay home if you are sick and avoid close contact with others. You may wish to check with your employer about how this will impact your work.

3. Isolate if you test positive for COVID-19.

If you test positive for COVID-19 you need to isolate. The COVID-19 vaccines will not make you test positive on [viral tests](#).

4. Monitor for symptoms if you are a close contact to someone with COVID-19.

If you do not live or work in a congregate setting (e.g., correctional and detention facilities, assisted living residences, nursing and group homes), you are not required to quarantine following an exposure. *However, you should still monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure. If you experience symptoms, isolate yourself from others and contact your healthcare provider or seek testing.*

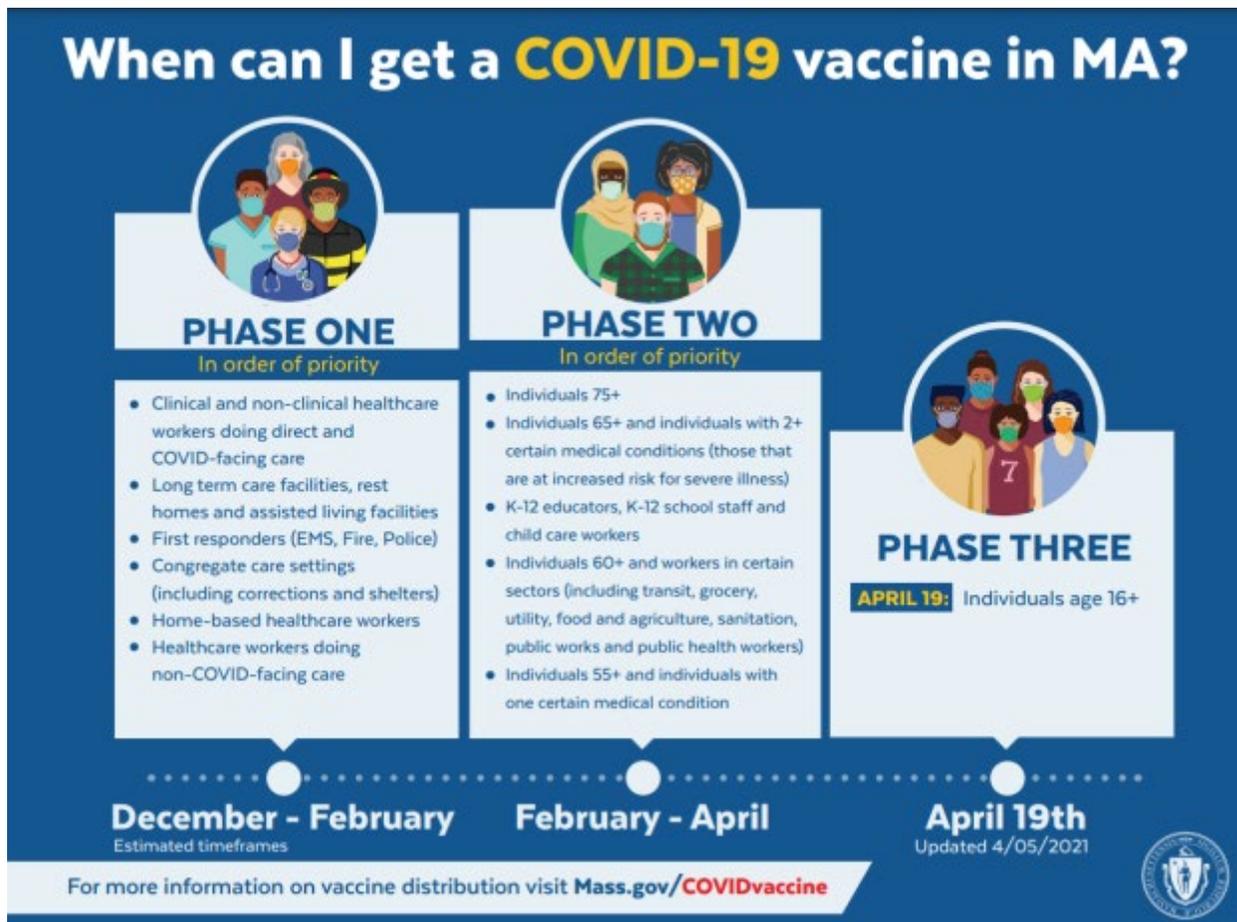


No. If you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and are exposed to someone with COVID-19, you don't have to quarantine or get tested if you haven't had any symptoms since exposure.

You should still take steps to protect yourself and others in many situations, like wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3btJaFU>.

- **Vaccine Eligibility Timeline**



The full timeline is available at mass.gov/COVIDVaccinePhases.

The CDC recently updated its [list of conditions](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html) which can make an individual more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>

- **[Steps to Get Your Vaccination](#)**

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

Step 2: Preregister for a mass vaccination location or find a location and schedule your appointment

There are different ways to find a vaccine appointment:

- Preregister at VaccineSignUp.mass.gov to be notified when it's your turn to schedule an appointment at one of [7 mass vaccination locations](#).

- Use [VaxFinder.mass.gov](https://vaxfinder.mass.gov) to search for appointments at pharmacies, health care providers, and other community locations

Massachusetts receives a limited supply of COVID-19 vaccine doses from the federal government each week. Due to high demand and very limited supply, it may take several weeks to schedule an appointment or to be notified that an appointment is available at mass vaccination locations.

At this point, the Town does not have any vaccine for public distribution.

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

Step 3: [Prepare for your appointment](#)



The infographic features a teal background with a purple border. On the left, a woman in a white lab coat and mask is administering a vaccine to a seated woman in a pink top and purple pants, also wearing a mask. A speech bubble from the seated woman asks, "Will the Covid-19 vaccine protect me from getting Covid-19?". A response bubble from the healthcare worker says, "Yes, it will." To the right of the illustration, text reads: "All of the vaccines are extremely effective at stopping you from getting Covid-19. The more people who get vaccinated, the safer it is for everyone!". Below this, it says: "To find out when and where you can get vaccinated visit: www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine". In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for "ACADEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH VOLUNTEER CORPS" and the text "Source: Mass.gov Created by Amelia Thyen".

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