

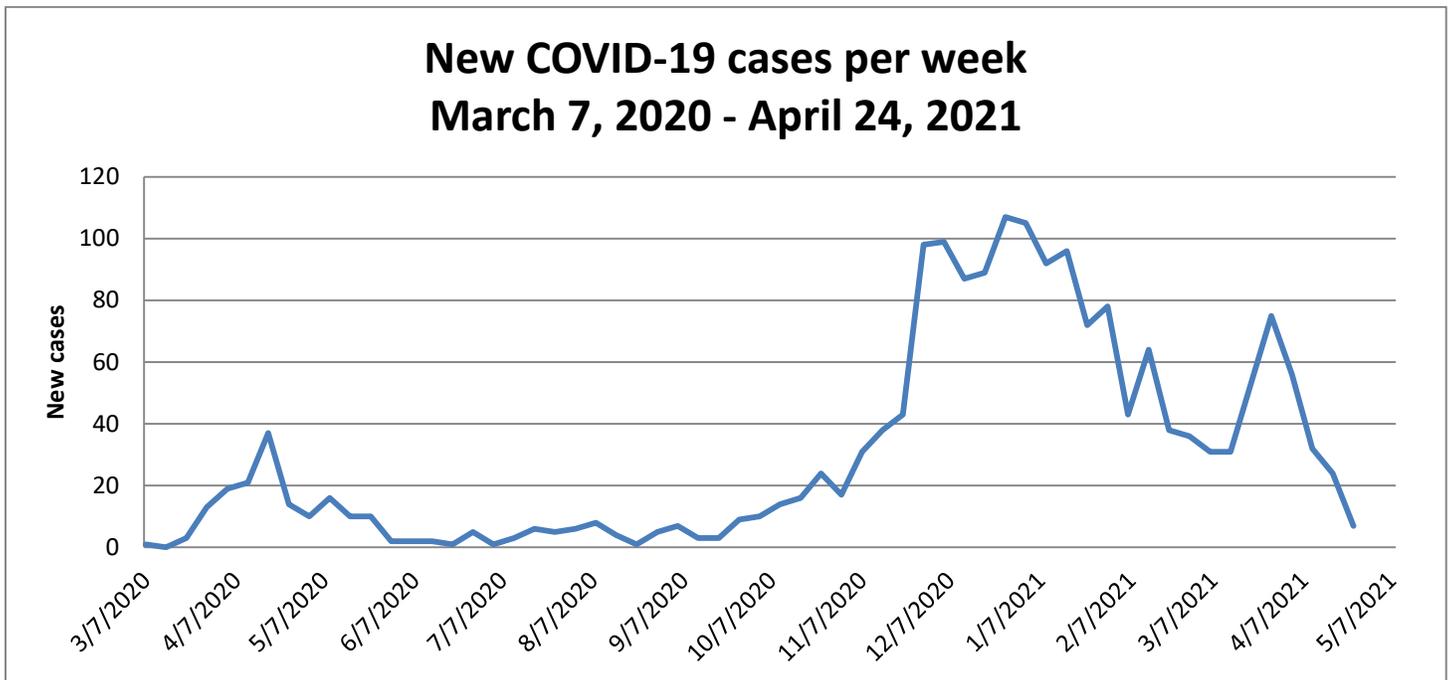
COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

April 23, 2021:

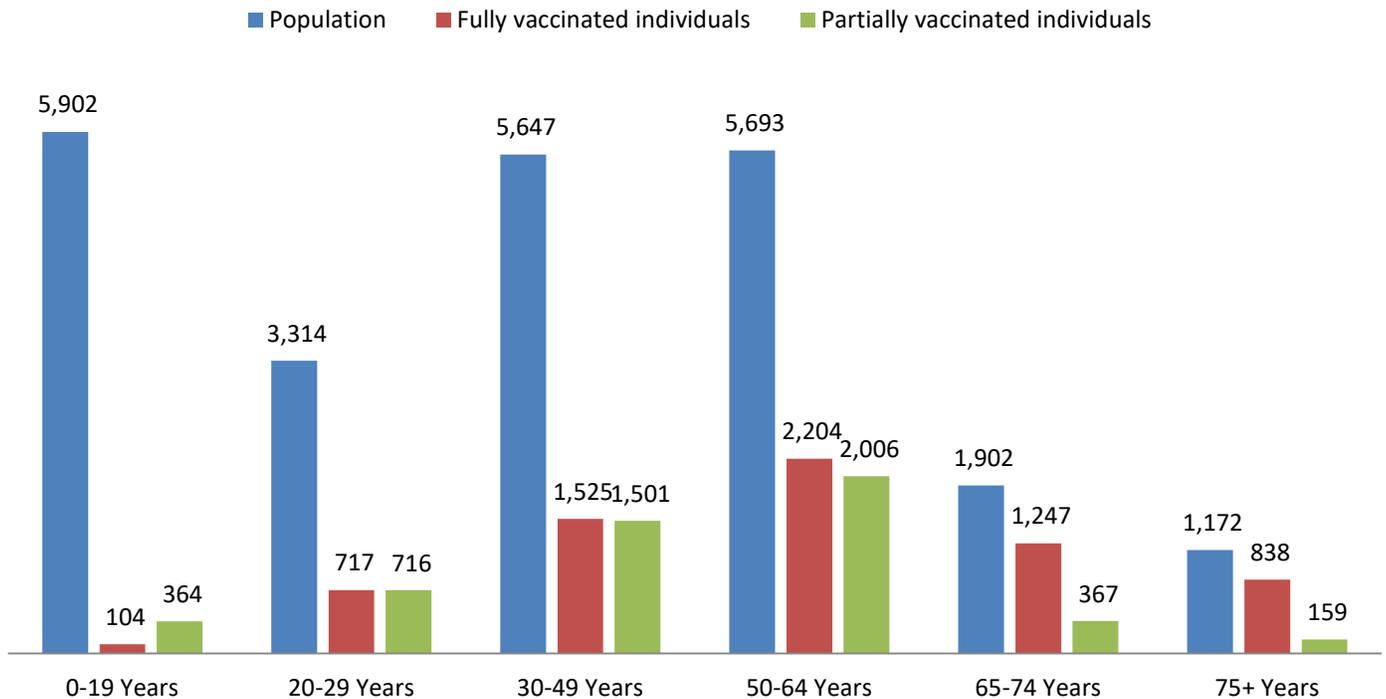
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).

- **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	15	(updated 4/26 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	1760	
Total tested positive since beginning:	1798	
Mansfield Community Designation Level	Yellow	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 22, 2021



- [FDA and CDC Lift Recommended Pause on Johnson and Johnson \(Janssen\) COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

Following the CDC's decision Friday to resume use of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine, all providers may resume administration of the J&J vaccine, effective immediately.

The pause was recommended after reports of six cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals following administration of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. Following a thorough safety review, including two meetings of the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have determined that the recommended pause regarding the use of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 Vaccine in the U.S. should be lifted and use of the vaccine should resume.

Providers should review the [Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine \(Vaccination Providers\)](#) and [Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#), which have been revised to include information about the risk of this rare type of blood clot, which has occurred in a very small number of people who have received the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine.

More in the CDC news release: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/fda-cdc-lift-vaccine-use.html>.

- **[COVID-19 Vaccines that Require 2 Shots](#)**

If you receive a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, you will need 2 shots to get the most protection. COVID-19 vaccines are not interchangeable. If you received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, you should get the same product for your second shot. **You should get your second shot even if you have side effects after the first shot**, unless a vaccination provider or your doctor tells you [not to get it](#).

Timing of your second shot

The timing between your first and second shots depends on which vaccine you received.

- If you received the [Pfizer-BioNTech](#) COVID-19 Vaccine, you should get your second shot 3 weeks (or 21 days) after your first.
- If you received the [Moderna](#) COVID-19 Vaccine, you should get your second shot 4 weeks (or 28 days) after your first.

You should **get your second shot as close to the recommended 3-week or 4-week interval as possible**. However, your second dose may be given up to [6 weeks \(42 days\) after the first dose, if necessary](#). You should not get the second dose early. There is currently limited information on the effectiveness of receiving your second shot earlier than recommended or later than 6 weeks after the first shot.

However, if you do receive your second shot of COVID-19 vaccine earlier or later than recommended, you do not have to restart the vaccine series. This guidance might be updated as more information becomes available.

Scheduling your second shot

If you need help scheduling your vaccination appointment for your second shot, contact the location that set up your first appointment. If you are having trouble or have questions about using a vaccination management or scheduling system, reach out to the organization that enrolled you in the system. This may be your state or local health department, employer, or vaccination provider.

Vaccination card and your second shot

- **At your first vaccination appointment, you should have received a vaccination card that tells you what COVID-19 vaccine you received**, the date you received it, and where you received it. Bring this vaccination card to your second vaccination appointment.
- **If you did not receive a COVID-19 vaccination card at your first appointment**, contact the vaccination provider site where you got your first shot or your state health department to find out how you can get a card.
- **If you have lost your vaccination card or don't have a copy**, contact your vaccination provider directly to access your vaccination record.

- If you cannot contact your vaccination provider directly, contact your state health department's immunization information system (IIS). You can find state [IIS information on the CDC website](#). Vaccination providers are required to report COVID-19 vaccinations to their IIS and related systems.
- If you enrolled in [v-safe](#) or [VaxText](#) after your first vaccine dose, you can access your vaccination information using those tools.
 - If you have made every effort to locate your vaccination information, are unable to get a copy or replacement of your vaccination card, and still need a second shot, talk to a vaccination provider.
- **Bring your vaccination card with you to your second shot appointment** so your provider can fill in the information about your second dose.
- **Keep your vaccination card** in case you need it for future use. Consider taking a picture of your vaccination card after your second shot appointment as a backup copy.

When you are fully vaccinated

People are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second shot in a 2-dose series, like the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-shot vaccine, like Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

You are **not** fully vaccinated if:

- it has been less than 2 weeks since your 1-dose shot
- it has been less than 2 weeks since your second shot of a 2-dose vaccine
- you still need to get your second dose of a 2-dose vaccine

After you are fully vaccinated, you may be able to start doing some things that you had stopped doing because of the pandemic. Learn more about what you can do when you have been [fully vaccinated](#).

- **People with Seasonal Allergies**

[COVID-19 and seasonal allergies](#) share many symptoms, but there are some key differences between the two. For example, COVID-19 can cause fever, which is not a common symptom of seasonal allergies. Because some of the symptoms of COVID-19 and seasonal allergies are similar, it may be difficult to tell the difference between them, and you may need to get a test to confirm your diagnosis.

Testing for COVID-19 is widely available in Massachusetts. [Find a COVID-19 test near you.](#)

To learn more about testing for COVID-19 in Massachusetts, please visit mass.gov/GetTested

Home testing is available at no cost to all eligible Massachusetts adults. Kits are reserved for adults (18+) who live or work in a congregate setting, are experiencing symptoms, have recently

been in contact with someone with COVID-19, or who have otherwise been recommended for testing. Please visit the [Pixel by LabCorp for Massachusetts](#) webpage for details, and to request a test kit.

COVID-19 vs. Allergies

	COVID-19	Allergies
Common 	Fever or chills 	
	Cough 	
	Body aches 	
Less Common 	Headaches 	
	Tiredness 	
	Loss of taste or smell 	
Not Common 	Shortness of breath 	 *
	Sore throat 	
	Sneezing 	
	Itchy or watery eyes 	
	Runny or stuffy nose 	

*Seasonal allergies do not usually cause shortness of breath, unless a person has a respiratory condition such as asthma that can be triggered by pollen.



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- [Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19](#)

People age 16+ who live, work or study in Massachusetts can be vaccinated. Sign up and be notified of appointments near you. Go to Vaccinesignup.Mass.Gov.

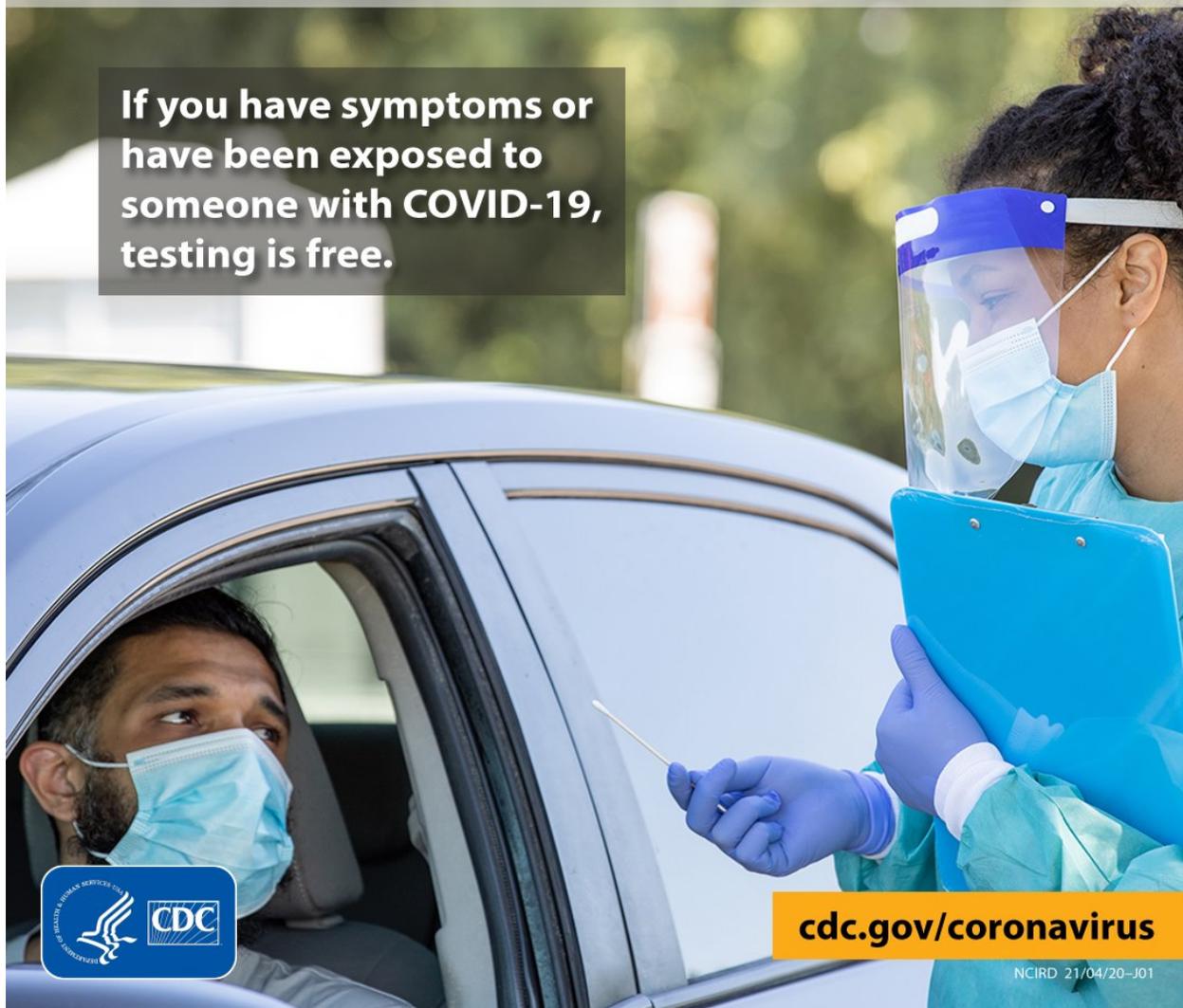
There are different ways to find a vaccine appointment:

- 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 to search for appointments at pharmacies, health care providers, and other community locations

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

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

**If you have symptoms or
have been exposed to
someone with COVID-19,
testing is free.**



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