

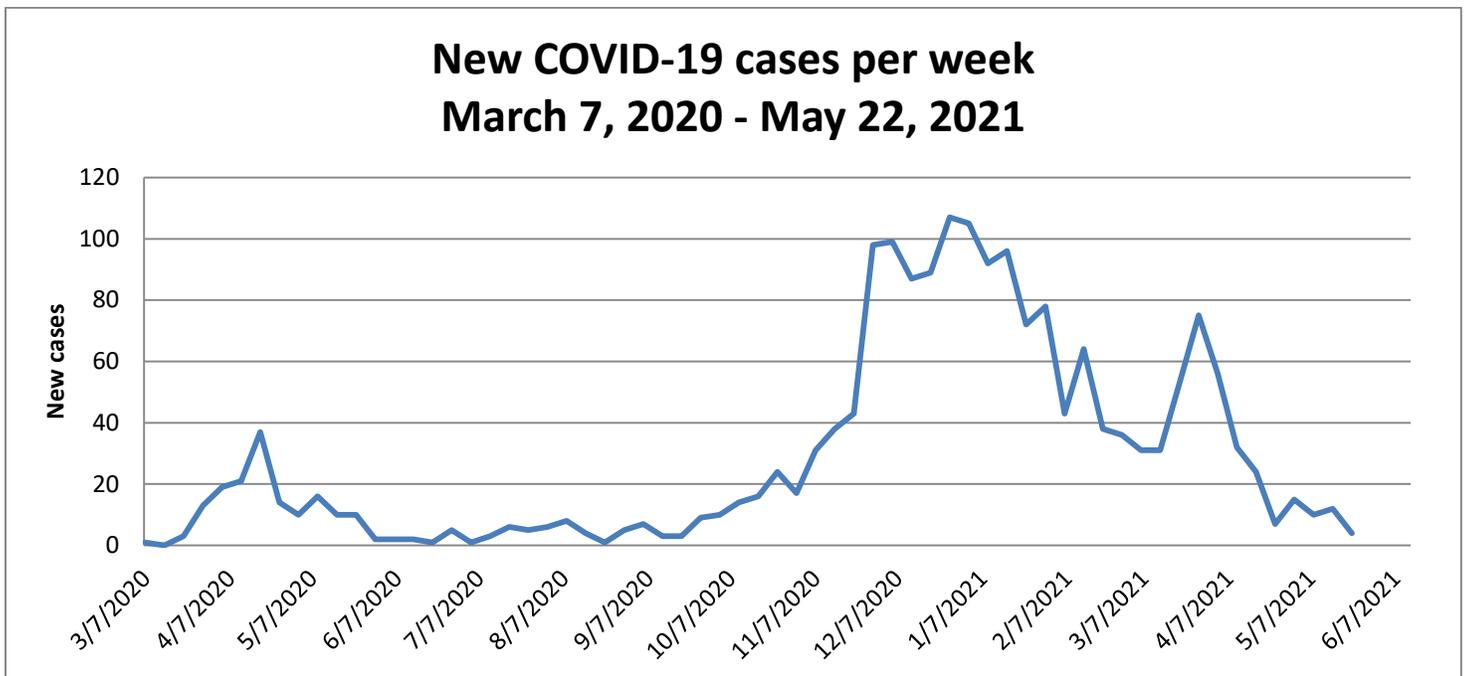
## COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

**May 27, 2021:**

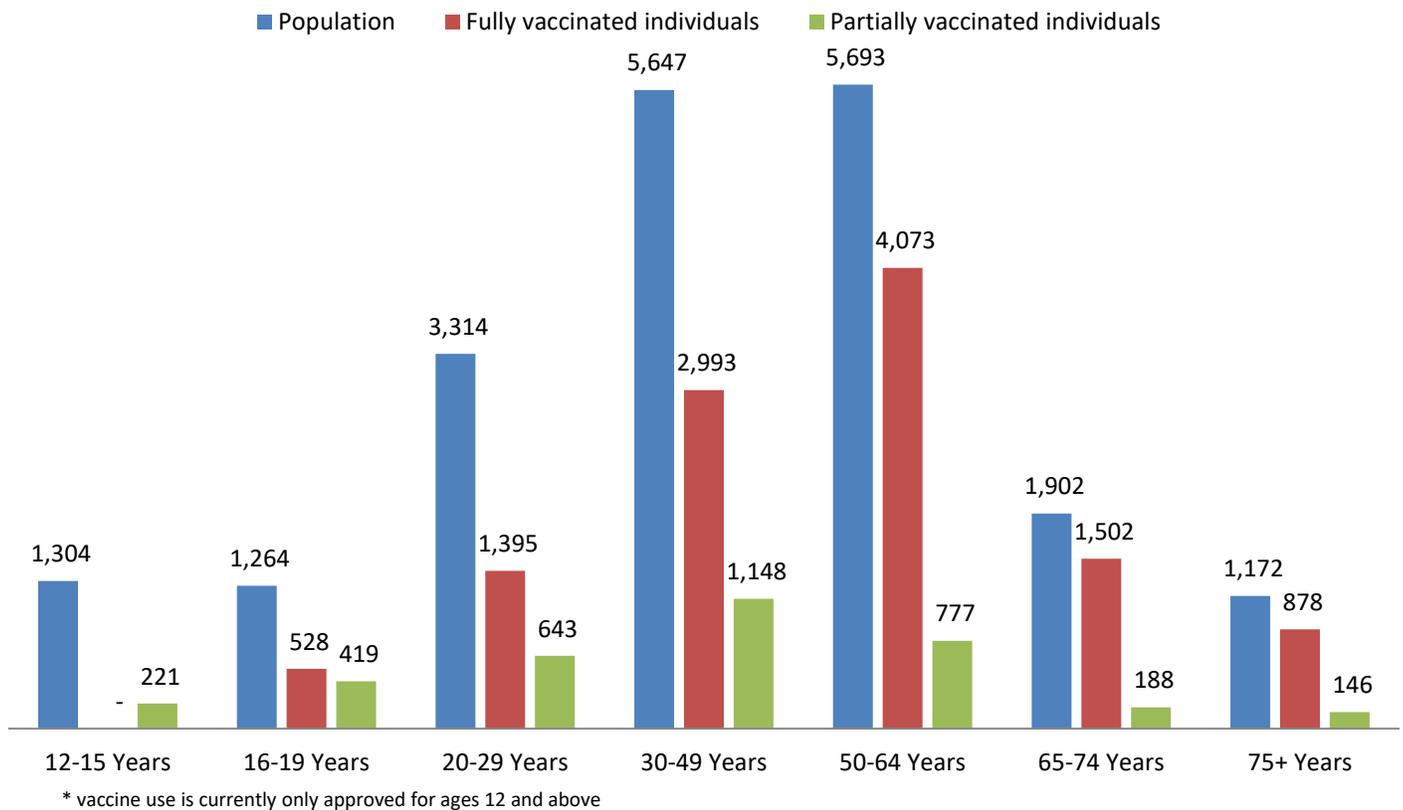
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).

- **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>2</b>     | (updated 5/27 08:00)  |
| <b>Positive Cases recovered</b>               | <b>1821</b>  |   |
| <b>Total tested positive since beginning:</b> | <b>1847</b>  |   |
| <b>Mansfield Community Designation Level</b>  | <b>Green</b> | Red-higher risk<br>Yellow- moderate risk<br>Green- lower risk |
| <b>Covid-19 Related Deaths</b>                | <b>24</b>    | Last Covid death in Mansfield 04/21/21                        |



## Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield as of May 20, 2021



- **Effective May 29, All Industry Restrictions Lifted**

Effective May 29, all industries will be permitted to open. With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for public and private transportation systems and facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries. The gathering limit will be rescinded.

All industries will be encouraged to follow CDC guidance for cleaning and hygiene protocols.

- **Effective May 29, Face-Covering Order Rescinded; Advisory Will Be Issued**

**Effective May 29:** The Commonwealth's face-covering order will be rescinded. The Department of Public Health will issue a new face-covering advisory consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated guidance.

## Face-Covering Advisory for Unvaccinated Residents

The Department of Public Health will issue a public health advisory effective May 29 that advises all unvaccinated residents to continue to wear face-coverings in indoor settings and when they can't socially distance.

### [Department of Public Health \(DPH\) Advisory Regarding Face Coverings and Cloth Masks](#)

## Face-Covering Requirements in Certain Locations

Effective May 29, 2021, face coverings will continue to be required for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals at all times in the following locations, subject to the exemptions listed below:

- **On Public and Private Transportation**, including on the MBTA, commuter rail, buses, ferries, and airplanes, and while in rideshares (Uber and Lyft), taxis, and livery vehicles, as required by the [Centers for Disease Control January 29, 2021 Order](#). Face coverings are also required at all times in transportation hubs, including train stations, bus stops, and airports. The requirement applies to riders and workers.
- **Inside K-12 public schools, collaboratives, approved special education schools** and as otherwise required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The requirement applies to students, teachers, and staff.
- **Inside Childcare Programs** licensed or authorized by the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) and as otherwise required by EEC or the Department of Public Health (DPH). This requirement applies to students, teachers, and staff.
- **In Health Care Facilities and Provider Offices**, defined as healthcare facilities or providers licensed or operated by the Commonwealth including nursing homes, rest homes, emergency medical services, hospitals, doctor's office, urgent care settings, community health centers, vaccination sites, behavioral health clinics, and Bureau of Substance and Addiction Services (BSAS) facilities. This requirement applies to patients and staff.
- **In Congregate Care Settings**, defined as congregate care facilities or programs operated, licensed, certified, regulated, or funded by the Commonwealth including: assisted living facilities, group homes, houses of correction, Department of Correction prisons, jails, residential treatment programs, and facilities operated, licensed, certified, regulated, authorized, or funded by the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC), the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Department of Youth Services (DYS), the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS), the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB), the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) and the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC). Additionally, the face coverings requirement applies to emergency shelter programs, including individual and family homeless shelters, domestic violence and sexual assault shelters,

veterans' shelters, and shelters funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The face coverings requirement also applies in approved private special education schools, which offer residential services and are approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). This requirement applies to clients and staff.

- **In Health Care and Rehabilitative Day Services and Programs**, defined as programs or services operated, licensed, certified, regulated, or funded by the Commonwealth and authorized under the aegis of the Executive Office of Health & Human Services or one of its agencies. These programs and services include: adult day health, day habilitation, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), psychosocial rehabilitation club houses, brain injury centers and clubhouses, day treatment, partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient programs, recovery support centers and center-based day support programs. This requirement applies to staff and consumers.
- **Home care workers**, including Personal Care Attendants (PCA), Home Health Aides, and Home Care Workers provide patient-facing care. The face coverings requirement only applies to the worker.

The following persons are exempt from the face coverings requirement:

- Children 5 years of age and younger.
- Persons for whom a face mask or covering creates a health risk or is not safe because of any of the following conditions or circumstances:
  - the face mask or covering affects the person's ability to breathe safely;
  - the person has a mental health or other medical diagnosis that advises against wearing a face mask or covering;
  - the person has a disability that prevents them from wearing a face mask or covering; or
  - the person depends on supplemental oxygen to breathe.
- [Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19 for individuals age 12+](#)

**People age 12+ who live, work or study in Massachusetts can be vaccinated.** Sign up and be notified of appointments near you. Use [VaxFinder.mass.gov](https://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.**

- **May is Mental Health Awareness Month**

Taking care of your emotional health and well-being during this time is important. [Decreasing stress can help bolster your immune system](#) and can help keep you and others around you healthy. The [Maintaining Emotional Health & Well-Being website](#) contains resources and tips for staying emotionally healthy and well. If you or someone you know are experiencing a mental health crisis find emergency/crisis supports in your area by calling [1 \(877\) 382-1609](#) or visiting the [emergency services web page](#).

- Call 2-1-1 and choose the “CALL2TALK” option.
- Access [MassSupport - Free COVID-19 Counseling and Support](#) by calling 1-888-215-4920, M-F 9am-6pm, or email at [MassSupport@riversidecc.org](mailto:MassSupport@riversidecc.org)
- [The Massachusetts Network of Care](#) is a searchable behavioral health directory of services and organizations.
- Samaritans is continuing operations 24/7, as always. During this unprecedented time, it can feel overwhelming to receive constant messages about COVID-19. Call or text their 24/7 helpline any time at 877-870-4673.
- The Disaster Distress Helpline, 1-800-985-5990, is a 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster, including disease outbreaks like COVID-19. This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all residents in the United States and its territories. If you or a family/household member does not feel safe at home, please call **1-800-799-7233** for live support. If you are unable to speak safely, you can log onto [thehotline.org](http://thehotline.org) to chat online, or text **LOVEIS** to **22522**

