

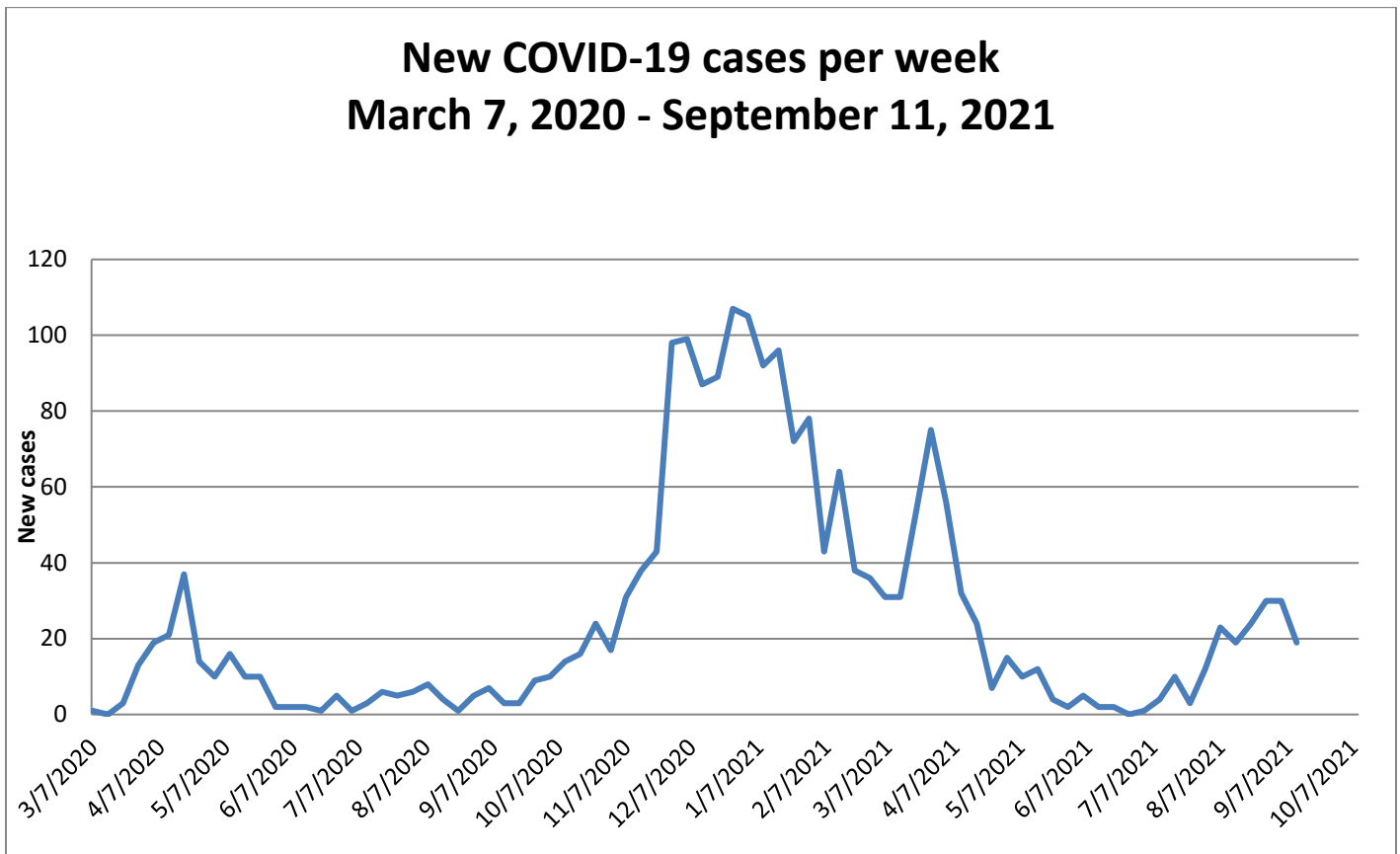
## COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

**September 17, 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](#).

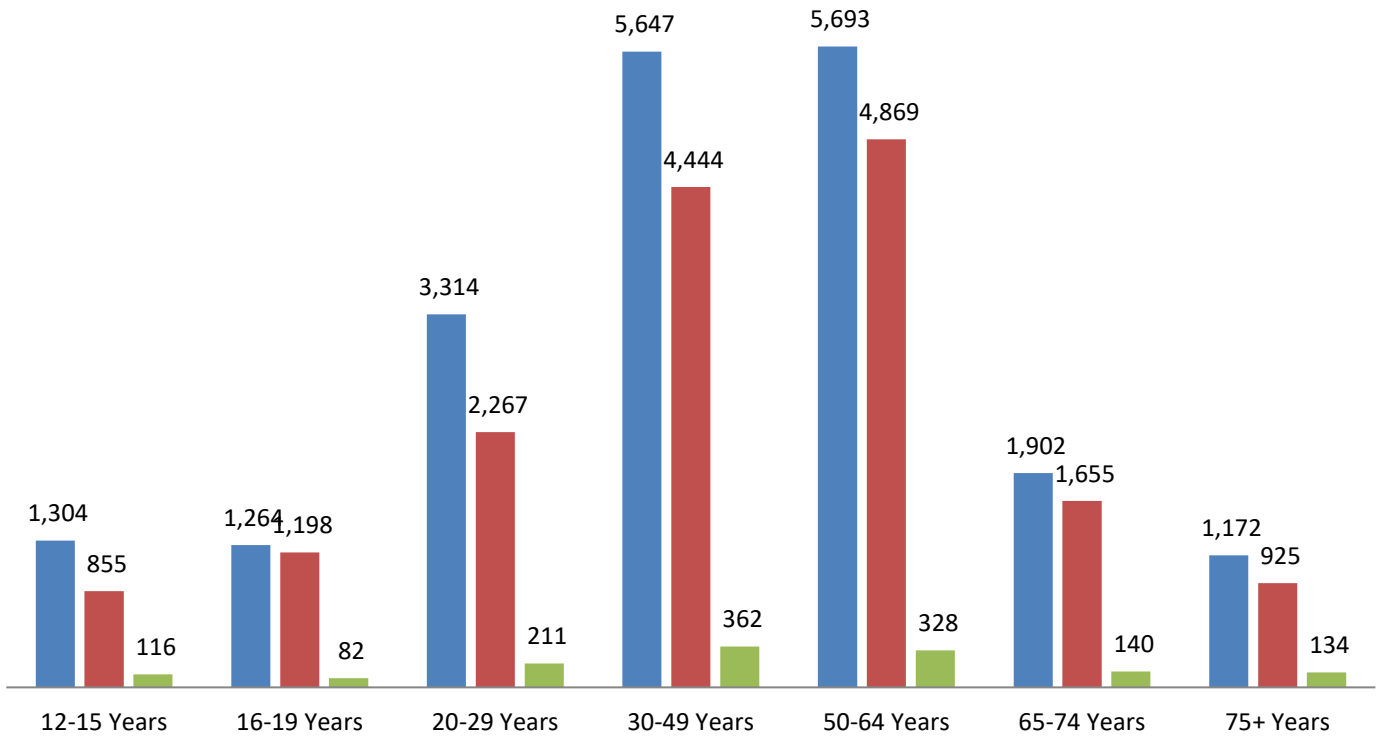
- **As of today, please see the below chart that represents our communities COVID-19 relates cases:**

<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#	
<b>Positive COVID-19 under isolation</b>	<b>30</b>	(updated 9/17 08:00)
<b>Positive Cases recovered</b>	<b>2013</b>	
<b>Total tested positive since beginning:</b>	<b>2067</b>	
<b>Covid-19 Related Deaths</b>	<b>24</b>	Last Covid death in Mansfield 04/21/21



# Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield as of Sept 16, 2021

■ Population      ■ Fully vaccinated individuals      ■ Partially vaccinated individuals



\* vaccine use is currently only approved for ages 12 and above

## HOW YOU CAN SLOW THE SPREAD OF DELTA | COVID-19 |



- If you're in an area of **substantial or high transmission**, wear a **mask indoors** in public, even if you're **fully vaccinated**.
- If you've been **exposed** to COVID-19 or **develop symptoms**, get tested even if you're **fully vaccinated**.

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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- [Bristol county identified as an area of high transmission](#)

Bristol county has been identified by the CDC as an area of high transmission for COVID-19. The CDC recommends all people, no matter their vaccination status, wear masks indoors and in crowded outdoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission. More information can be found [here](#). Within Massachusetts, county designation is the following:

County	COVID transmission level
Barnstable	High
Berkshire	High
Bristol	High
Dukes	High
Essex	High
Franklin	High
Hampden	High

County	COVID transmission level
Hampshire	High
Middlesex	High
Nantucket	Substantial
Norfolk	High
Plymouth	High
Suffolk	High
Worcester	High

- [Testing for COVID-19](#)

Testing is our best tool to identify those who have been exposed and slow the uptick in cases. You should get tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms or you've been exposed to someone with COVID-19, even if you're fully vaccinated. If you've had COVID-19 in the past 3 months and you've been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you don't need to get tested if you don't have new symptoms.

Testing is encouraged regardless of vaccination status.

<https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing>

- [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.

VaxFact: mRNA COVID-19 vaccines work differently than other types of vaccines, but they still work to trigger an immune response in your body and help protect you from COVID-19, especially severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

This type of vaccine is new, but it's been researched for decades.

More vaccine facts: <https://bit.ly/3hQ9yv9>.

**mRNA Vaccines**

COMPONENTS:  
**Messenger RNA (mRNA)**

COVID-19 vaccines contain instructions (mRNA) that our cells use to make a harmless piece of a “spike protein” that is found on the surface of the virus that causes COVID-19. After our cells make the protein piece, they display it on their surface.

mRNA does not interact with or affect our DNA. The cell gets rid of the mRNA after use.

**Traditional Vaccines**

COMPONENTS:  
**Weakened or inactivated whole germ or pieces of a germ**

These vaccines deliver the weakened germ or pieces of the germ it protects against.

Our immune system recognizes that the spike protein or germ does not belong there and responds to get rid of them. By doing so, our bodies learn how to protect against future infection.



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