

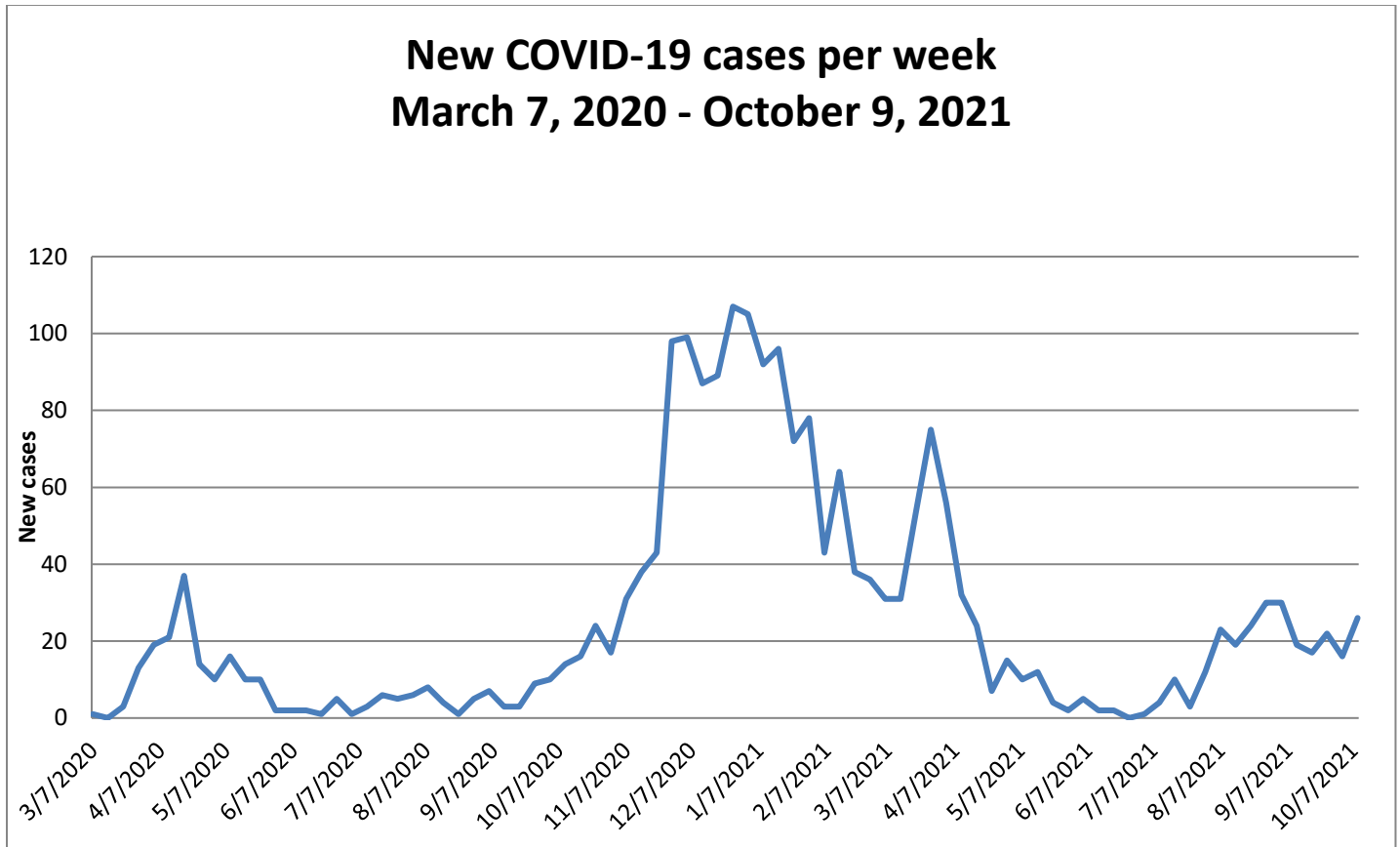
## COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

**October 15, 2021:**

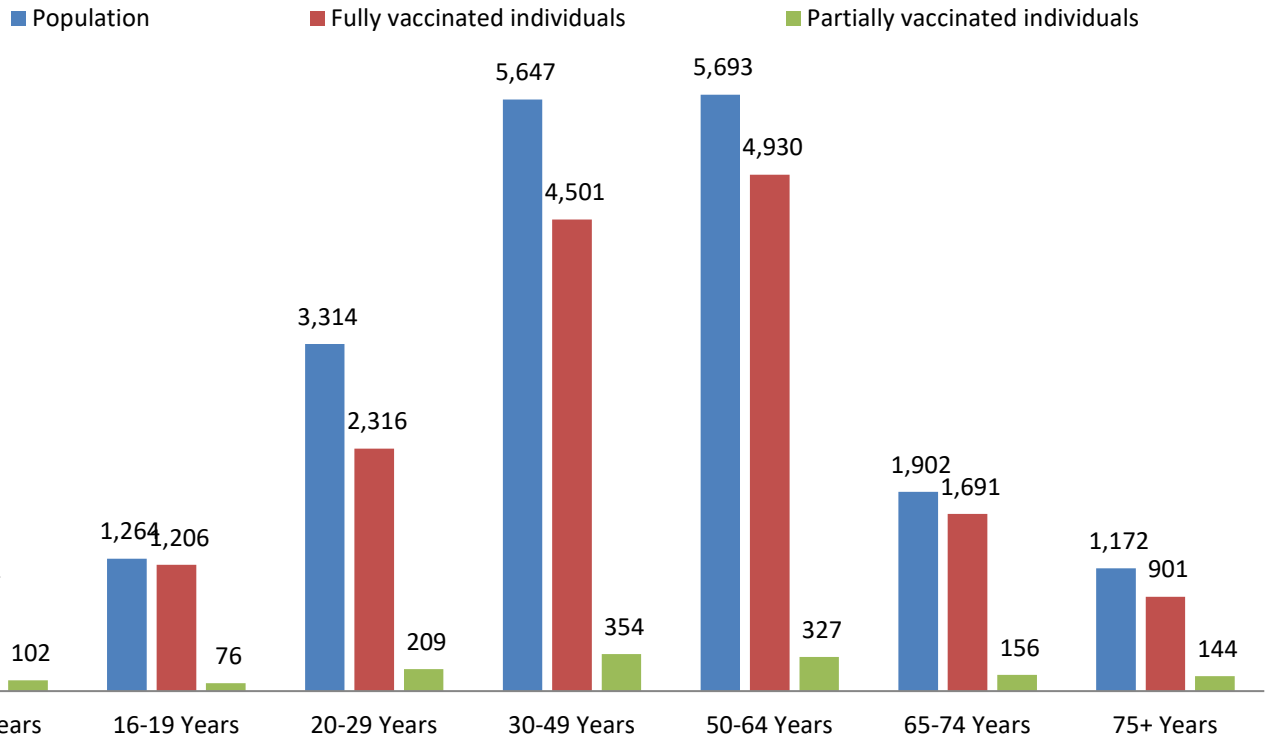
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).

- **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	28	(updated 10/15 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	2107	
Total tested positive since beginning:	2159	
Covid-19 Related Deaths	24	Last Covid death in Mansfield 04/21/21



## Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield as of October 14, 2021



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

## What's the difference between a booster COVID-19 vaccine dose and an additional dose?



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

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A COVID-19 booster dose is a new dose given to a fully vaccinated person to help improve protection that has decreased over time. Certain groups that have been shown to lose protection faster than others are now eligible for a booster.

An additional COVID-19 dose is another vaccine dose given to someone who didn't receive enough protection from their initial vaccine series. Some people with weakened immune systems may get an additional dose to be fully protected against COVID-19.

Learn more about the vaccine recommendations for specific groups: <https://bit.ly/30iyp5X>.

- [COVID-19 Booster Frequently Asked Questions](#)


## COVID-19 Pfizer Vaccine Booster Shot Eligibility

- Individuals 65 years of age and older
- Individuals 18-64 years of age at risk for severe COVID-19 due to certain underlying medical conditions as defined by the CDC\*
- Individuals 18-64 years of age who are at increased risk for COVID-19 because of occupational or institutional settings

\*mass.gov/CDClist

If you were fully vaccinated in:	You can get your booster as of:
January 2021	July 2021
February 2021	August 2021
March 2021	September 2021
April 2021	October 2021
May 2021	November 2021
June 2021	December 2021
July 2021	January 2022
August 2021	February 2022
September 2021	March 2022
October 2021	April 2022
November 2021	May 2022
December 2021	June 2022

Learn more at [mass.gov/COVID19booster](https://mass.gov/COVID19booster)

  
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***Find out when you are eligible for a COVID-19 Booster***

- You can check if you're eligible for a booster at <http://mass.gov/BoosterCheck>
- If you are eligible, visit <http://vaxfinder.mass.gov> for a list of locations to receive a booster (or call 2-1-1)
- More info on the booster, including FAQs, can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine>

- [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.

- [COVID-19 Vaccine during Pregnancy](#)

COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all people 12 years and older, including [people who are pregnant](#), breastfeeding, [trying to get pregnant now, or might become pregnant in the future](#). If you have questions about getting vaccinated, talking with your healthcare professional might help, but is not required.

## If you are pregnant and have questions about COVID-19 vaccine

If you would like to speak to someone about COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy, you can contact MotherToBaby. MotherToBaby experts are available to answer questions in English or Spanish by phone or chat. The free and confidential service is available Monday–Friday 8am–5pm (local time). To reach MotherToBaby:

- Call 1-866-626-6847
- Chat live or send an email [MotherToBaby](#)
- [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>

- [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	Substantial
Hampden	High

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Hampshire	Substantial
Middlesex	Substantial
Nantucket	Substantial
Norfolk	High
Plymouth	High
Suffolk	High
Worcester	High

- [Mansfield Public School COVID information and dashboard](#)

For information about the schools and COVID, please see their School Health and COVID Information webpage: <https://sites.google.com/mansfieldschools.com/covid-19/home>

For more information about how to keep kids safe in school: [School Settings | COVID-19 | CDC](#)

## Umbrella Protection

Vaccines are an important part of stopping COVID-19. But just as an umbrella won't keep you completely dry in a rainstorm, no vaccine is 100% effective. Getting vaccinated, wearing a mask in indoor public places, & avoiding crowds can help protect you and others.

More: <https://bit.ly/cdc-protectyourself>.

It's pouring rain outside,  
and you have to go out.

What do you do?



You choose the best gear to  
keep you as dry as possible.

While you'll still get a  
little wet, a raincoat  
and umbrella will  
keep you as dry  
as possible.



Getting a vaccine, wearing a mask,  
and avoiding crowds work in a  
similar way to keep you as safe as  
possible from COVID-19



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