

COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

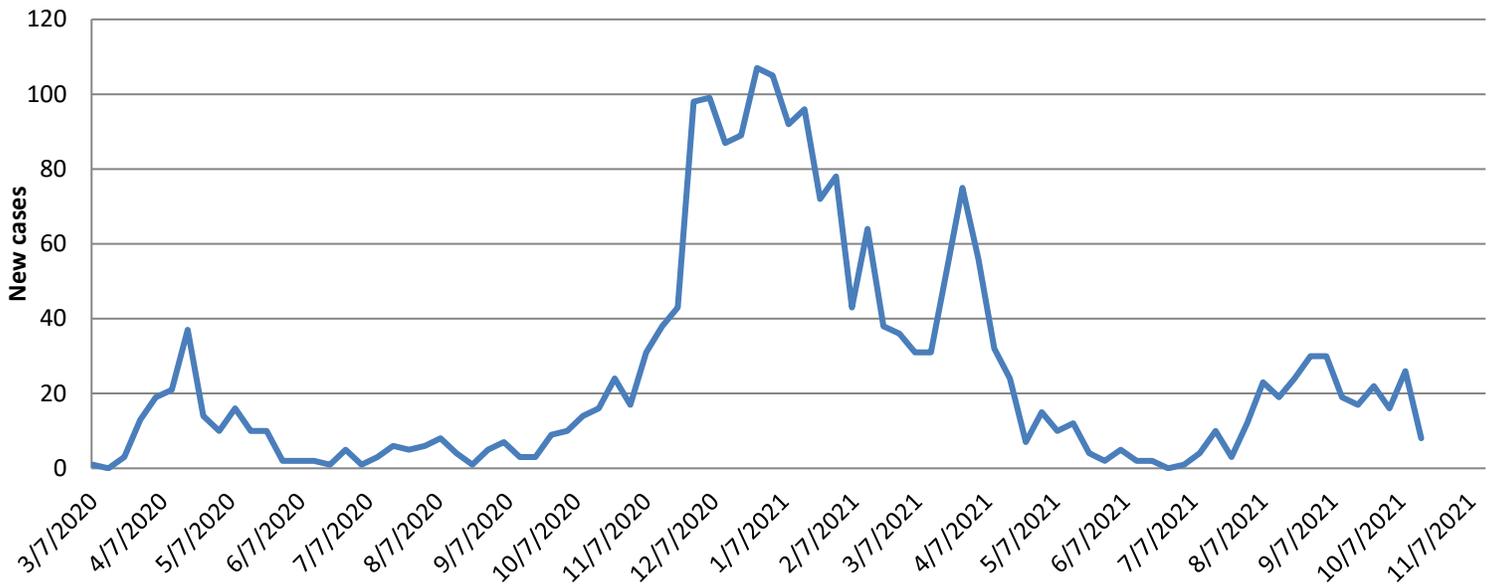
October 22, 2021:

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](#).

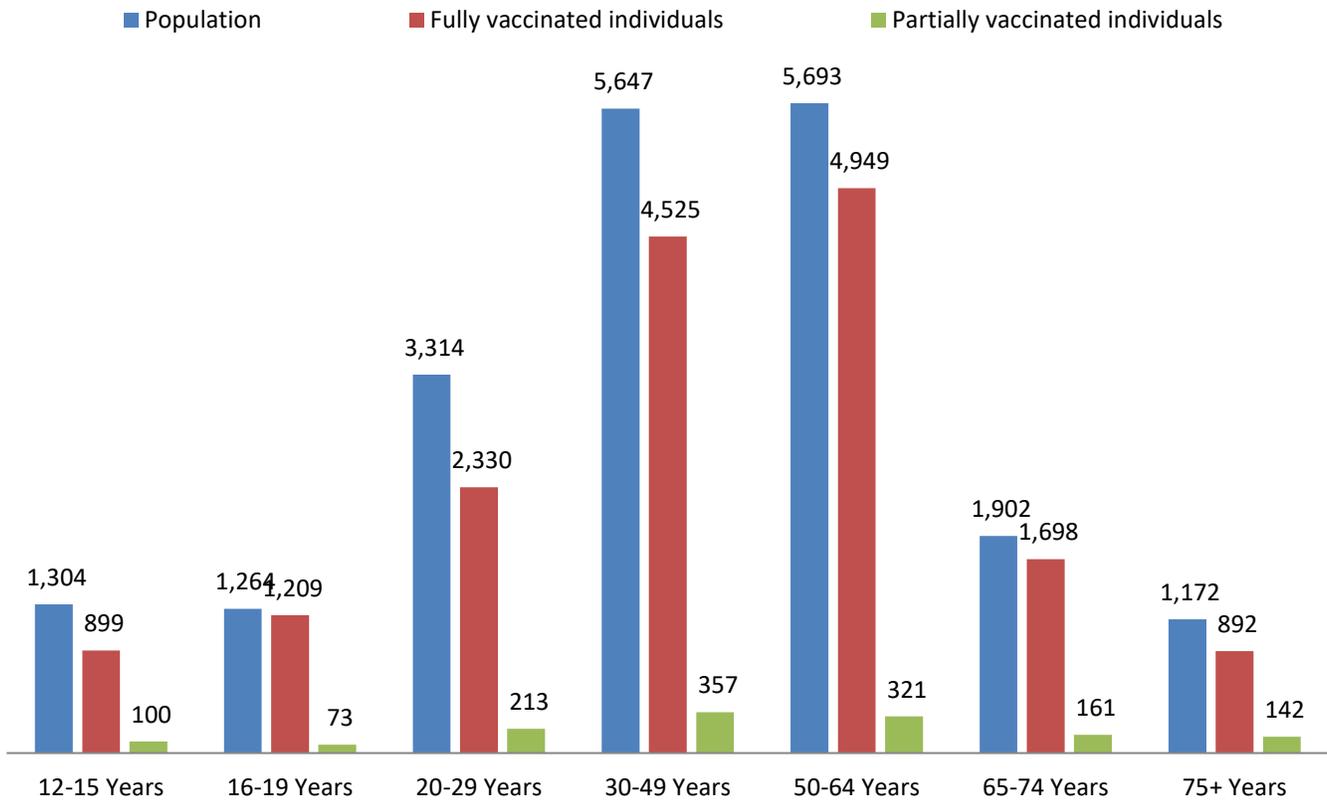
- **As of today, please see the below chart that represents our communities COVID-19 relates cases:**

<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#	
Positive COVID-19 under isolation	15	(updated 10/22 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	2133	
Total tested positive since beginning:	2172	
Covid-19 Related Deaths	24	Last Covid death in Mansfield 04/21/21

**New COVID-19 cases per week
March 7, 2020 - October 16, 2021**



Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield as of Oct 21, 2021



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

- [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

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

- [Safer Ways to Celebrate Holidays](#)

Holiday traditions are important for families and children. There are several ways to enjoy holiday traditions and protect your health. Because many generations tend to gather to celebrate holidays, the best way to minimize COVID-19 risk and keep your family and friends safer is to get vaccinated if you're eligible.

Here are safer ways to celebrate the holidays:

Generally:

- Protect those not yet eligible for vaccination such as young children by getting yourself and other eligible people around them vaccinated.
- Wear well-fitting masks over your nose and mouth if you are in public indoor settings if you are not fully vaccinated.
 - Even those who are fully vaccinated should wear a mask in public indoor settings in communities with substantial to high transmission.
 - Outdoors is safer than indoors.
 - Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated spaces.
 - If you are sick or have symptoms, don't host or attend a gathering.
 - Get [tested](#) if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have a close contact with someone who has COVID-19.

If you are considering traveling for a holiday or event, visit CDC's [Travel](#) page to help you decide what is best for you and your family. CDC still recommends delaying travel until you are [fully vaccinated](#).

- If you are not fully vaccinated and must [travel](#), follow CDC's [domestic travel](#) or [international travel](#) recommendations for unvaccinated people.
- If you will be traveling in a group or family with unvaccinated people, choose [safer travel options](#).

Halloween Safety Tips

How to have a spooky and safe time this Halloween!

Zoom Parties



- Host a costume party over Zoom or watch a Halloween movie together virtually

Trick or Treating

- Go trick or treating in small groups
- Use hand sanitizer or wash hands when possible
- Put candy in individual treat bags to pass out to trick or treaters



Outdoor Activities

- Avoid large indoor events
- Plan outdoor activities with family and friends like pumpkin carving and sharing spooky stories

- Everyone, even people who are fully vaccinated, is [required to wear a mask](#) on public transportation and follow [international travel recommendations](#).

Special considerations:

- People who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system may not be fully protected even if they are fully vaccinated and have received an [additional dose](#). They should continue to take all [precautions recommended for unvaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitted mask](#), until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider.
- You might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission if a member of your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated.
- If you are gathering with a group of people from multiple households and potentially from different parts of the country, you could consider additional precautions (e.g., avoiding crowded indoor spaces before travel, taking a test) in advance of gathering to further reduce risk.
- Do NOT put a mask on children younger than 2 years old.

By working together, we can enjoy safer holidays, travel, and protect our own health as well as the health of our family and friends.

- [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>

- [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](#)

- [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 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 Booster Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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>

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](http://mass.gov/COVID19booster)



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