

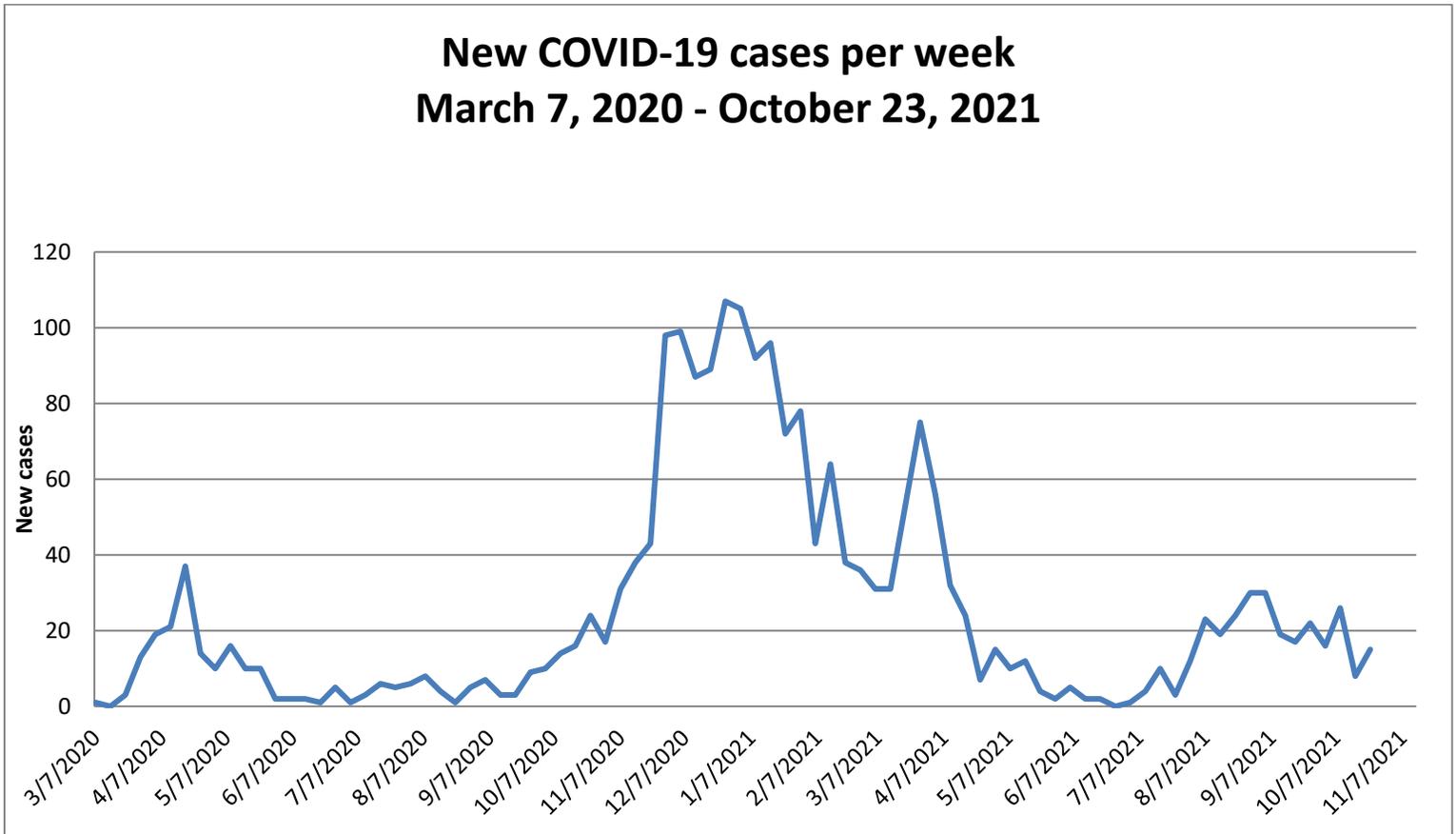
## COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

**October 29, 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](#).

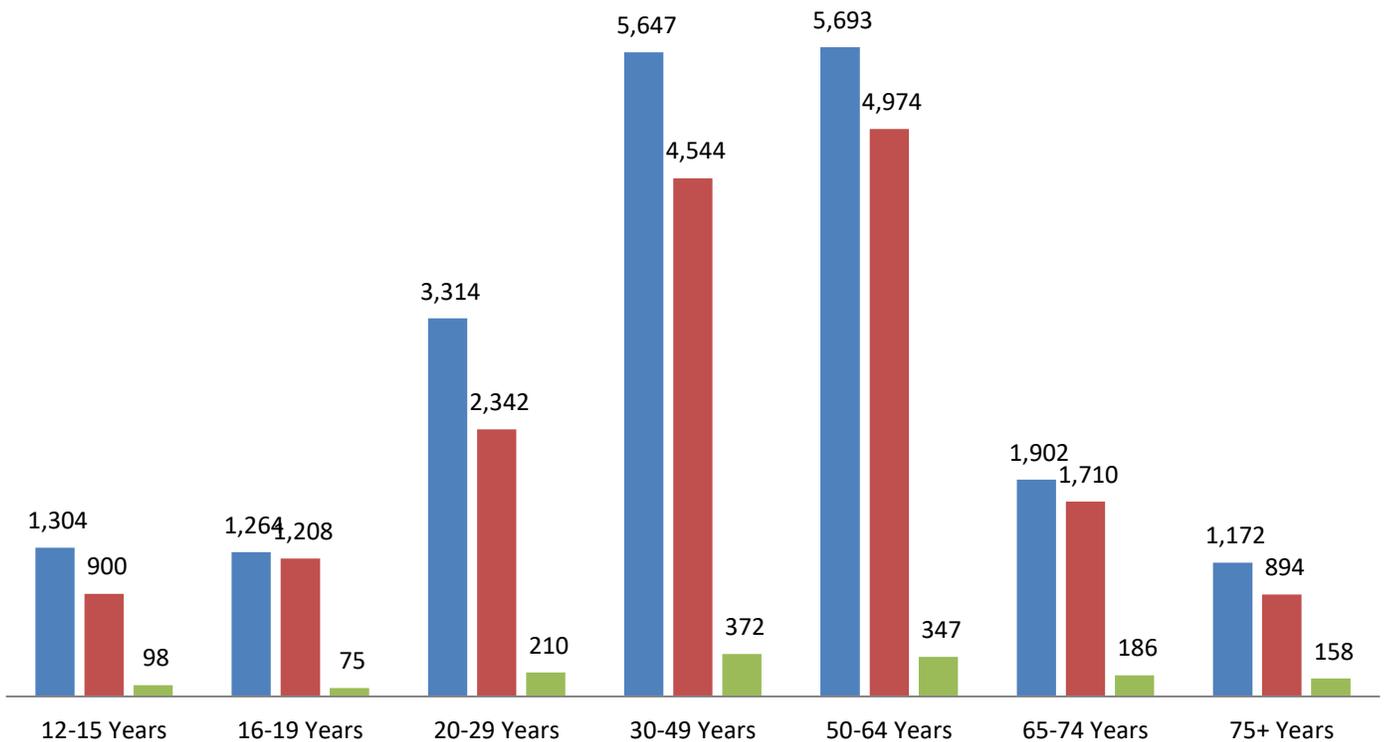
- **As of today, please see the below chart that represents our communities COVID-19 relates cases:**

<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#	
<b>Positive COVID-19 under isolation</b>	<b>19</b>	(updated 10/29 08:00)
<b>Positive Cases recovered</b>	<b>2148</b>	
<b>Total tested positive since beginning:</b>	<b>2191</b>	
<b>Covid-19 Related Deaths</b>	<b>24</b>	Last Covid death in Mansfield 04/21/21



# Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield as of October 28, 2021

■ Population      ■ Fully vaccinated individuals      ■ Partially vaccinated individuals



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

## NOT SURE IF YOU NEED TO BE TESTED FOR COVID-19?

CDC's New COVID-19 Viral Testing Tool can help you.



- ✓ Know what kind of test you need
- ✓ Understand next steps based on your test result



Get started at [bit.ly/covid-testing-tool](https://bit.ly/covid-testing-tool)

## [Testing for COVID-19](#)

Did you know? CDC's online COVID-19 Viral Testing Tool can help you understand your COVID-19 testing options. Get started: <https://bit.ly/covid-testing-tool>.

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	Substantial
Essex	High
Franklin	Substantial
Hampden	High

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

- [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 Vaccines for Children and Teens](#)

COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens  
Getting a COVID-19 vaccination can help protect your child from getting COVID-19. They can also help keep your child from getting seriously sick even if they do get COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccines have been used under the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history, which includes studies in adolescents. Children and adolescents receive the same dosage of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine as adults and will need a second shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine 3 weeks after their first shot.



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

### Some COVID-19 Vaccine Recipients Can Get Booster Shots

- People 65 years and older, 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions, or 18 years and older who live in long-term care settings should receive a booster shot.
- People 18 years and older should receive a booster shot at least 2 months after receiving their Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.

IF YOU RECEIVED

#### Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna

You are eligible for a booster if you are:

- [65 years or older](#)
- Age 18+ who live in [long-term care settings](#)
- Age 18+ who have [underlying medical conditions](#)
- Age 18+ who work or live in [high-risk settings](#)

**When to get a booster:**

At least 6 months after your second shot

**Which booster should you get?**

[Any of the COVID-19 vaccines](#) authorized in the United States

IF YOU RECEIVED

#### Johnson & Johnson's Janssen

You are eligible for a booster if you are:

[18 years or older](#)

**When to get a booster:**

At least 2 months after your second shot

**Which booster should you get?**

[Any of the COVID-19 vaccines](#) authorized in the United States

### Choosing Your COVID-19 Booster Shot

You may choose which COVID-19 vaccine you receive as a booster shot. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

#### IF YOU RECEIVED Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

- **Older adults age 65 years and older**

People ages 65 years and older **should** get a booster shot. The risk of severe illness from COVID-19 [increases with age](#) and can also increase for adults of any age with underlying medical conditions.

- **Long-term care setting residents ages 18 years and older**

Residents ages 18 years and older of long-term care settings **should** get a booster shot. Because residents in [long-term care settings](#) live closely together in group settings and are often older adults with underlying medical conditions, they are at increased risk of infection and severe illness from COVID-19.

- **People with underlying medical conditions ages 50–64 years**

People ages 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions **should** get a booster shot. The risk of severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age and can also increase for adults of any age with [underlying medical conditions](#).

- **People with underlying medical conditions ages 18–49 years**

People ages 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions **may** get a booster shot based on their individual risks and benefits. The risk of severe illness from COVID-19 can increase for adults of any age with [underlying medical conditions](#). This recommendation may change in the future as more data become available.

- **People who work or live in high-risk settings ages 18–64 years**

People ages 18–64 years at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of [occupational or institutional setting](#) may get a booster shot based on their individual risks and benefits. Adults who work or reside in certain settings (e.g., health care, schools, correctional facilities, homeless shelters) may be at increased risk of being exposed to COVID-19, which could be spreading where they work or reside. That risk can vary across settings and based on how much COVID-19 is spreading in a community. This recommendation may change in the future as more data become available.

Examples of workers who may get COVID-19 booster shots (List could be updated in the future):

- First responders (e.g., healthcare workers, firefighters, police, congregate care staff)
- Education staff (e.g., teachers, support staff, daycare workers)
- Food and agriculture workers
- Manufacturing workers
- Corrections workers
- U.S. Postal Service workers
- Public transit workers
- Grocery store workers

#### IF YOU RECEIVED **J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine**

People ages 18 years and older who received a J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine at least 2 months ago **should** get a booster shot. The J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine has lower vaccine effectiveness over time compared to mRNA COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna).

- 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>
- [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](#)