

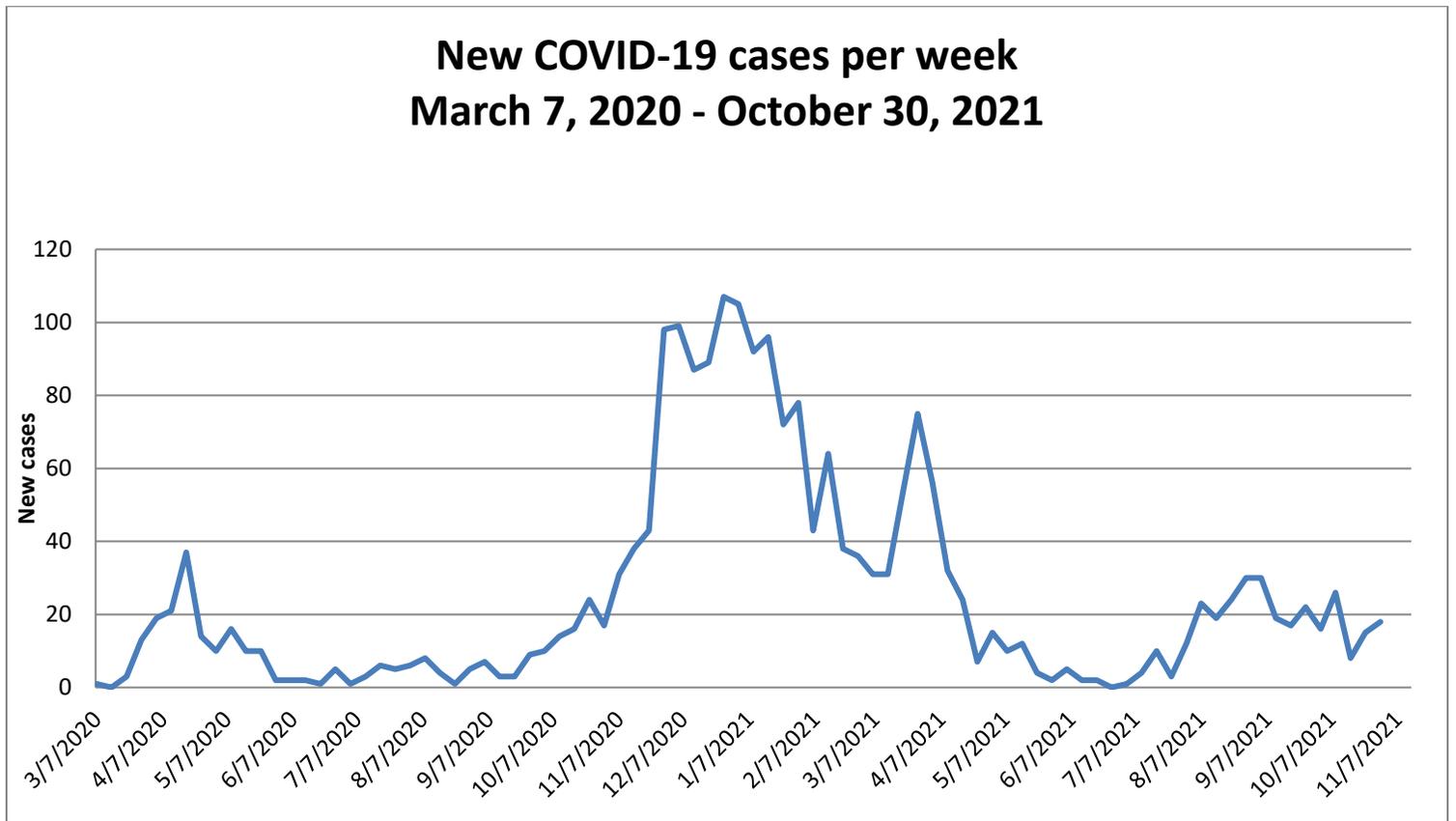
COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

November 5, 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](#).

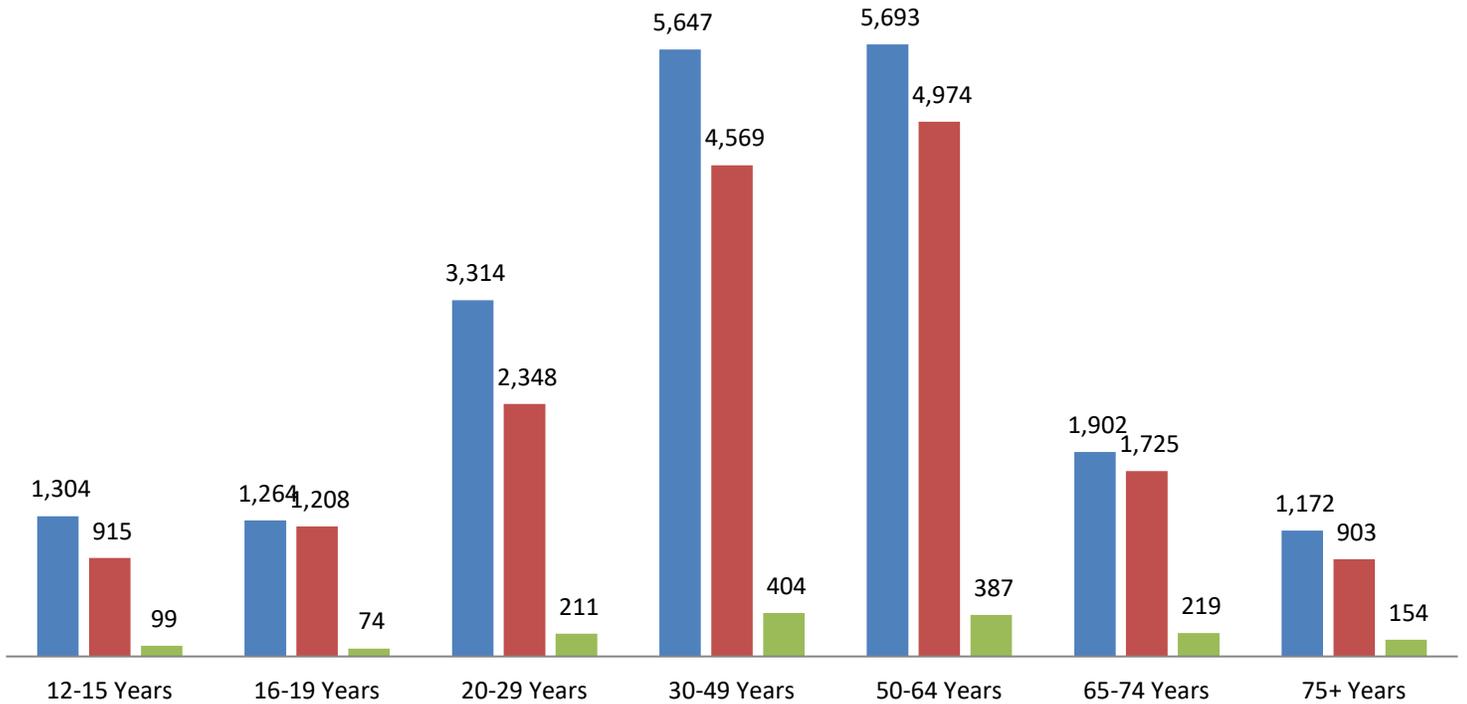
- **As of today, please see the below chart that represents our communities COVID-19 relates cases:**

| <i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i> | # | |
|---|-------------|--|
| Positive COVID-19 under isolation | 25 | (updated 11/05 08:00) |
| Positive Cases recovered | 2165 | |
| Total tested positive since beginning: | 2214 | |
| Covid-19 Related Deaths | 24 | Last Covid death in Mansfield 04/21/21 |



Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield as of November 4, 2021

■ Population ■ Fully vaccinated individuals ■ Partially vaccinated individuals



All data obtained from [Massachusetts COVID-19 vaccination data and updates | Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccination-data-and-updates)



Everyone ages 5 and up is now eligible for a free COVID-19 vaccine!

CDC recommends that children ages 5–11 receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

FIND A VACCINE TODAY AT [VACCINES.GOV](https://vaccines.gov)




Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine is over 90% effective at preventing COVID-19 in children ages 5–11.

COVID-19 vaccines have undergone—and continue to undergo—the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history.

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After getting a COVID-19 vaccine, children may have some side effects, such as headache and fatigue.

These are normal signs that their body is building protection, but they should go away in a few days.

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COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 5-11

Children ages 5 to 11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are now eligible to get the Pfizer vaccine. The vaccine is safe, free and effective. You don't need identification or insurance to get it.



- [COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 5-11](#)

Vaccines for children ages 5-11 are now authorized

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine was authorized by the CDC for use in children ages 5-11 on November 2. Some appointments are now available to be made with your child's health care provider and appointments at hundreds of other sites will soon be available on VaxFinder.mass.gov.

Multiple other vaccine manufacturers are currently developing COVID-19 vaccines for children under 12 years old.

COVID-19 vaccine safety for children

- COVID-19 vaccines are [safe and effective](#).
- COVID-19 vaccines have been used under the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history, which includes studies in adolescents.
- Your child can't get COVID-19 from any COVID-19 vaccine, including the Pfizer vaccine.
- This [fact sheet](#) tells you more about the Pfizer vaccine. Each COVID-19 vaccine has its own fact sheet that contains information to help you understand the risks and benefits of receiving that specific vaccine.

Where and how to get the vaccine

Consent for children ages 5-11

- Currently, children ages 5-11 can only get the Pfizer vaccine.
- A legally authorized representative (usually a parent or guardian) must give permission (also called consent) for vaccination of a child 5-11 years of age. This can be done by completing a written consent form that the minor (the person under the age of 18) can bring to their vaccination appointment.
- Please contact the vaccination location for more information on written consent, or [download](#) a copy of the consent form below.
- Providers are not required to use this form. Providers may continue to follow their regular practice for obtaining consent, including verbal consent, provided all the conditions of the EUA are met (such as the consenting parent/guardian is provided the fact sheet on the vaccine).

How can I prepare for my child's vaccination appointment?

- [Download and complete a consent form](#) to present at your child's appointment
- [Get tips](#) for how to support your child before, during, and after the visit
- Talk to your child before the visit about [what to expect](#)
- Tell the doctor or nurse about any allergies your child may have
- Comfort your child during the appointment

- After your child’s COVID-19 vaccination, you will be asked to stay for 15–30 minutes so your child can be observed in case they have a severe allergic reaction and need immediate treatment.

Will my pediatrician have the vaccine?

- We recommend that you call your pediatrician’s office to confirm they have vaccines available and to make an appointment.

Does my child need identification or insurance to get the vaccine?

- No. Your child can get a vaccine even if they do not have insurance or a Social Security number. For more information, visit [How to prepare for your COVID-19 vaccine appointment](#).

Do I have to pay for the vaccine?

- The vaccine is free. Your child does not need health insurance to get one, and you won’t be asked for payment information. If you do have health insurance, you should bring your insurance card to your appointment.

Where can I get a vaccine for children under 12 years old?

- The vaccine is available for children at vaccination locations across the Commonwealth.
- Check with your child's health care provider or use [VaxFinder.mass.gov](#) to find available locations or appointments.
- To learn more about disability-friendly vaccination events across the Commonwealth, check out [VaxAbilities.com](#). Disability-friendly vaccination clinics will have appointments with extra time and staff to provide skilled support to people with disabilities and/or sensory support needs.

Are there specific clinics just for younger kids?

- Yes. Several locations such as the Discovery Museum in Acton, Boston’s Museum of Science, Springfield Museum, EcoTarium Museum, and other locations will be offering vaccinations for children ages 5-11.

Eligibility

What age group is eligible to receive the vaccine?

- Children who live or study in Massachusetts and are ages 5-11 are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine as of November 2, 2021. Children under the age of 5 are not eligible to be vaccinated yet.

My child goes to school in MA but is not a permanent resident. Can they get the vaccine?

- Yes. The Massachusetts COVID-19 Vaccination program is intended for individuals who live, work, or study in the Commonwealth. Your child may also get their second dose in Massachusetts if they received the first dose in another state. Please be sure to keep the vaccination card you were given at the time of their first dose.

- You can receive a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination record by contacting your primary care provider or by reaching out to the location where you were vaccinated. [Learn how to contact each location.](#)

Safety and Effectiveness

- The COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 through 11 is safe and effective.
- Since the vaccines were approved, hundreds of millions of people of different races and ethnicities worldwide have been vaccinated, and most have only experienced mild side effects.
- The vaccine's safety was studied in approximately 3,100 children ages 5 through 11 who received the vaccine and no serious side effects have been detected in the ongoing study.

How many doses will be needed for children under 12 years old?

- The Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for children 5 through 11 years of age is administered in 2 doses 3 weeks apart. It is a lower dose (10 micrograms) than vaccines used for individuals 12 years of age and older (30 micrograms).

Can my child get the flu shot and the COVID vaccination at the same time?

- Yes, your child [may get a COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines at the same visit.](#)
- [Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19 for individuals age 5+](#)

People age 5+ 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.

- [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 | Moderate |
| Essex | High |
| Franklin | Substantial |
| Hampden | High |

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

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots](#)

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>

- [Requesting a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination record](#)

There are several options to request a copy of your COVID-19 Vaccination Record. Please go to [Requesting a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination record | Mass.gov](#) for more information.

- [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](#)