

## COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

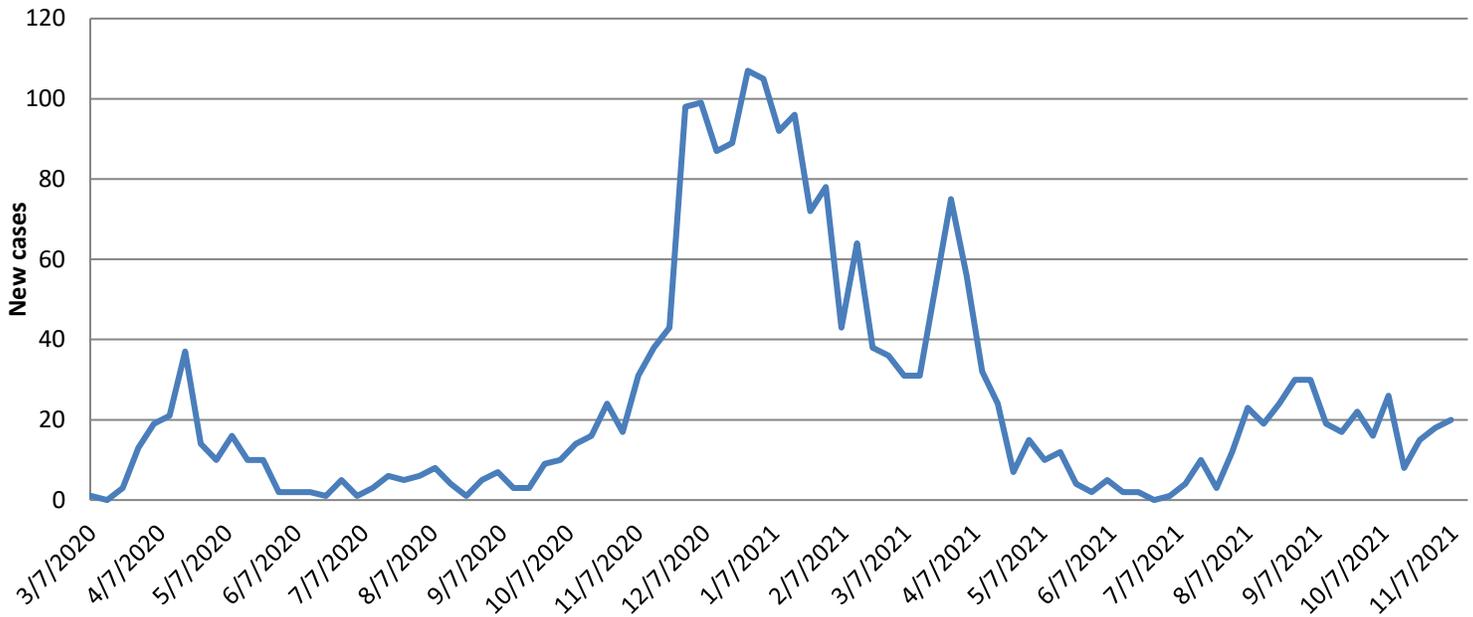
**November 12, 2021:**

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:**

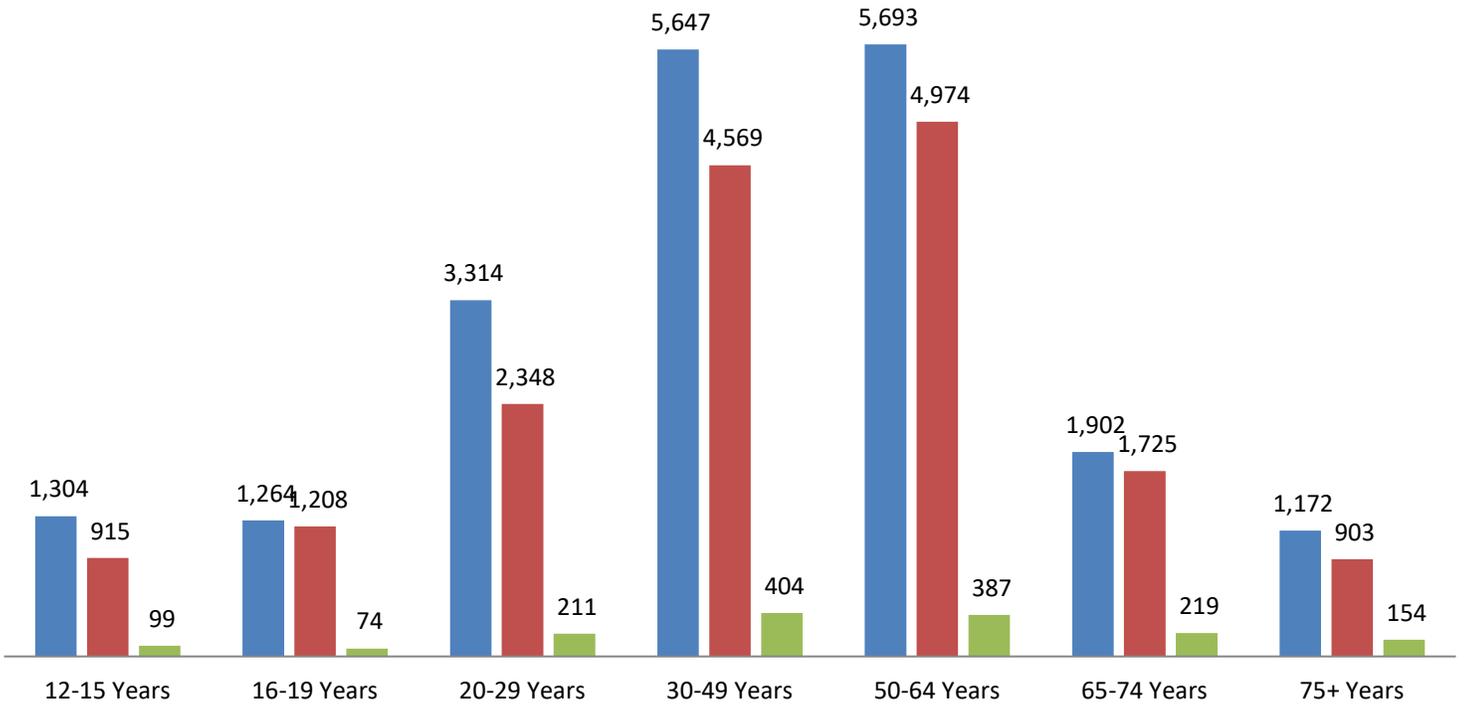
<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#	
<b>Positive COVID-19 under isolation</b>	<b>28</b>	(updated 11/12 08:00)
<b>Positive Cases recovered</b>	<b>2185</b>	
<b>Total tested positive since beginning:</b>	<b>2237</b>	
<b>Covid-19 Related Deaths</b>	<b>24</b>	Last Covid death in Mansfield 04/21/21

**New COVID-19 cases per week  
March 7, 2020 - November 6, 2021**



# 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)

\*Updated vaccination data is delayed due to the Veteran's Day holiday. Vaccination data will be up-to-date on Monday

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Try these tips to help overcome your fear:

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Distract yourself with music, conversation, or, for kids, a toy.

Tell the vaccinator you're afraid. They may be able to help you relax.



Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find COVID-19 & flu vaccines near you.



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

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Did you know being afraid of needles is common for both children and adults? Don't let a fear of needles keep you from getting COVID-19 and flu vaccinations that can be lifesaving. Try these tips to help overcome your fear of needles:

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- Tell the vaccinator you're afraid of needles. They may be able to help you relax.

Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find COVID-19 & flu vaccines near you.

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

[Vaccinating children ages 5 through 11](#) is critical to preventing infections and possible severe disease. The COVID-19 vaccines being used in the United States are [safe](#) and [effective](#). They have undergone – and will continue to undergo – the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children is different than the vaccine that is given to adolescents and adults.\* Children ages 5 through 11 will still require two doses three weeks apart to be considered fully vaccinated. Children may have some [side effects](#) from COVID-19 vaccination, which are normal signs that their body is building protection.

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is over 90% effective at preventing COVID-19 in children ages 5 to 11 years. Getting your child vaccinated can help protect them against COVID-19, as well as reduce disruptions to in-person learning and activities by helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Vaccines can also help keep your child from getting seriously sick even if they do get COVID-19. If you have questions about COVID-19 vaccines in children, talk with your child's pediatrician or healthcare provider.

\*Children 5 through 11 years old will receive a separate vaccine formulation of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine that has one-third the dose given to adolescents and adults, and they will receive the vaccine with a smaller needle.

- [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](#) 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 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>

- [Testing for COVID-19](#)

## Need a COVID-19 test?

### REASONS TO GET TESTED

- › If you have COVID-19 symptoms
- › After known or suspected exposure to COVID-19
- › For screening (schools, workplaces, congregate settings, etc.)
- › Before travel
- › When asked by a healthcare professional or public health official



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

## TYPES OF VIRAL TESTS

<h3>Laboratory Test</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Sample can either be a nasal swab or saliva</li> <li>› Results usually in 1–3 days</li> <li>› Results are reliable for people with and without symptoms</li> <li>› No follow-up test required</li> <li>› Common Example: PCR test</li> </ul>	<h3>RAPID TEST</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Sample is usually a nasal swab</li> <li>› Results usually in 15–30 minutes</li> <li>› Results may be less reliable for people without symptoms</li> <li>› Follow-up test may be required</li> <li>› Common Example: Antigen test</li> </ul>
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## ACTIONS AFTER RESULT

<h3>If positive</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Isolate</li> <li>› Seek confirmatory, follow-up laboratory test if recommended by healthcare professional</li> <li>› Monitor your symptoms</li> </ul>	<h3>If negative</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› If fully vaccinated, return to normal activities. Wear a mask indoors in areas of high or substantial community transmission.</li> <li>› If not fully vaccinated and have symptoms or exposure, continue to quarantine. If no symptoms or exposure return to normal activities. Take steps to get vaccinated to protect yourself and others.</li> </ul>
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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>

- [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](#)

- [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.

- [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

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

