

COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

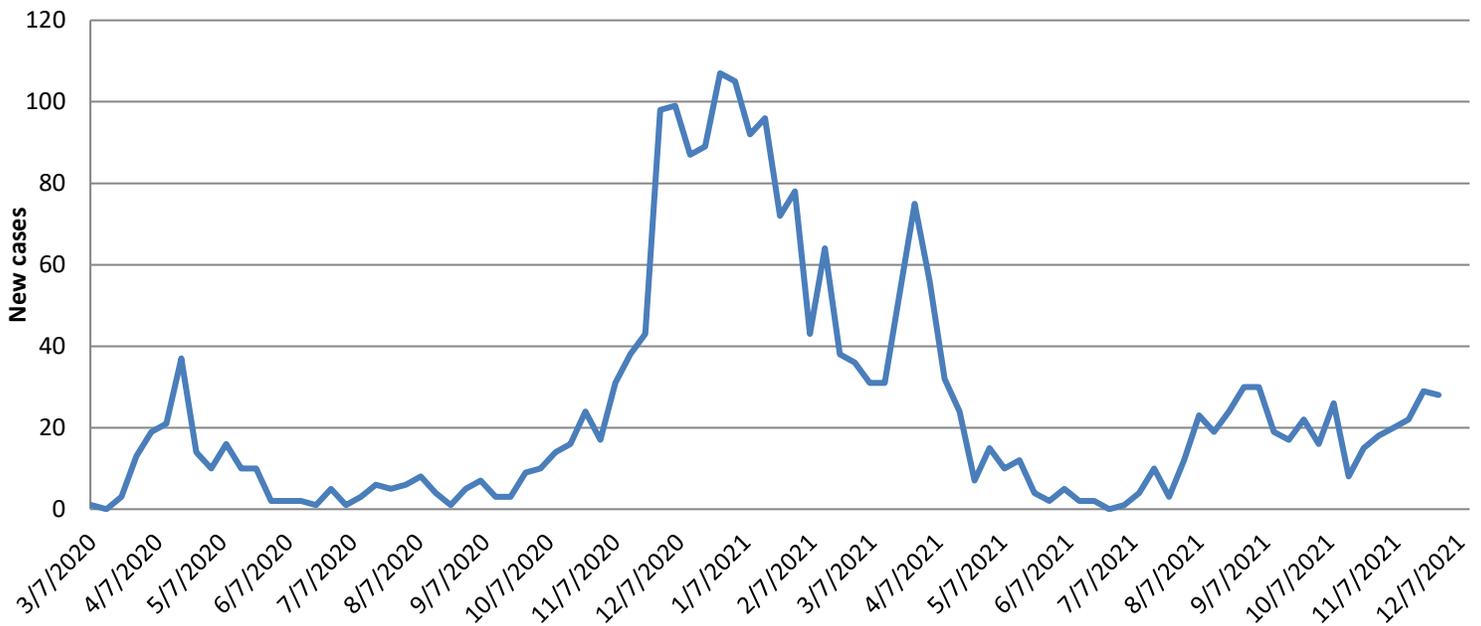
November 29, 2021:

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>	#	
Positive COVID-19 under isolation	35	(updated 11/29 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	2255	
Total tested positive since beginning:	2314	
Covid-19 Related Deaths	24	Last Covid death in Mansfield 04/21/21

**New COVID-19 cases per week
March 7, 2020 - November 27, 2021**

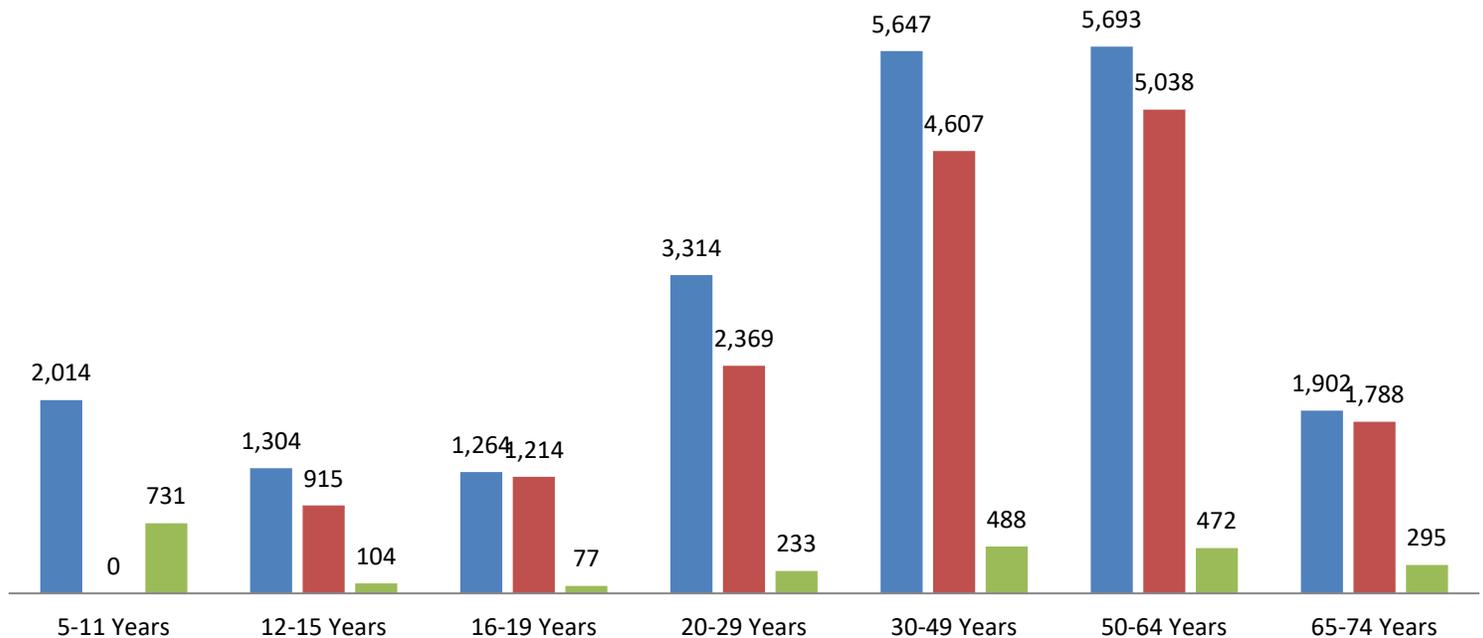


Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield - data through November 23, 2021

■ 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)

- [CDC Statement on Omicron variant](#)

On November 26, 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) classified a new variant, B.1.1.529, as a Variant of Concern and has named it Omicron. No cases of this variant have been identified in the U.S. to date. CDC is following the details of this new variant, first reported to the WHO by South Africa. We are grateful to the South African government and its scientists who have openly communicated with the global scientific community and continue to share information about this variant with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and CDC. We are working with other U.S. and global public health and industry partners to learn more about this variant, as we continue to monitor its path.

CDC is continuously monitoring variants and the U.S. variant surveillance system has reliably detected new variants in this country. We expect Omicron to be identified quickly, if it emerges in the U.S.

We know what it takes to prevent the spread of COVID-19. CDC recommends people follow [prevention strategies](#) such as wearing a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high [community transmission](#), washing your hands frequently, and physically distancing from others. CDC also recommends that everyone 5 years and older protect themselves from COVID-19 by getting [fully vaccinated](#). CDC encourages a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose for those who are eligible.

Travelers to the U.S. should continue to follow [CDC recommendations for traveling](#). CDC will provide updates as more information becomes available.

- [What You Need to Know about Variants](#)

Top Things You Need to Know

1. New variants of the virus are expected to occur. Taking measures to reduce the spread of infection, including getting a COVID-19 vaccine, is the best way to slow the emergence of new variants.
2. Vaccines reduce your risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19.
3. All COVID-19 tests can detect known variants, but they will not tell you which variant you have.

Vaccines

- FDA approved or authorized [COVID-19 vaccines](#) protect against Delta and other known variants.
- Vaccines reduce your risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19.
- We don't yet know how effective the vaccines will be against new variants that may arise.

Symptoms

- All variants cause similar COVID-19 [symptoms](#).
- Some variants, such as the Alpha and Delta variants, may cause more severe illness and death.

Masks

- Wearing a mask is an [effective way](#) to reduce the spread of earlier forms of the virus, the Delta variant and other known variants.
- People who are not fully vaccinated should [to take steps to protect themselves](#), including wearing a mask indoors in public at all levels of community transmission.
- People who are fully vaccinated should wear a mask indoors in areas of [substantial or high transmission](#).
- People who have an underlying medical condition, a weakened immune system, or are taking medications that weaken their immune system may not have as much protection even if they are fully vaccinated. They should continue to take steps recommended for people who are not fully vaccinated, including wearing a mask.
- Wearing a mask is very important if you or someone in your household
 - Has a weakened immune system
 - Has an [underlying medical condition](#)
 - Is an [older adult](#)
 - Is not fully vaccinated

Testing

- Tests used to diagnose COVID-19 may not tell you which variant you have.
- Tests can detect new variants. As new variants emerge, scientists will continue to evaluate how well tests work to detect current infection.

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

Am I eligible for a COVID-19 booster shot?

Who?
Individuals **18+** who are fully vaccinated

When?

- At least 6 months after Pfizer or Moderna
- At least 2 months after J&J

Which booster shot do I get?

- You may have a preference, but you can get any type of vaccine for your booster shot

More information at mass.gov/COVID19booster

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 boosters can be found at [COVID-19 booster frequently asked questions | Mass.gov](#)



- [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.

- [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](#).

County	COVID transmission level
Barnstable	High
Berkshire	High
Bristol	High
Dukes	High
Essex	High
Franklin	High
Hampden	High
Hampshire	High
Middlesex	High
Nantucket	Moderate
Norfolk	High
Plymouth	High
Suffolk	High
Worcester	High

Bristol County, Massachusetts

[State Health Department](#) 

7-day Metrics | [7-day Percent Change](#)

Community Transmission ● High

Everyone in **Bristol County, Massachusetts** should wear a mask in public, indoor settings. Mask requirements might vary from place to place. Make sure you follow local laws, rules, regulations or guidance.

[How is community transmission calculated?](#)

November 29, 2021

Cases	1,880
Case Rate per 100k	332.62
% Positivity	6.01%
Deaths	14
% of population ≥ 12 years of age fully vaccinated	67.8%
New Hospital Admissions	94

Data from [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

- [Testing for COVID-19](#)

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>

- [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](#)



- 1** COVID-19 vaccines are our best defense and have proven to be effective against COVID variants currently circulating in the country.
- 2** The vaccine protects against the Delta variant. Even though the Delta variant is more contagious, vaccines prevent almost all cases of severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19.
- 3** The more unvaccinated people there are, the greater the chance COVID-19 has to spread and mutate into more contagious variants that cause severe disease.

Reference:
Fors Marsh Group. (2021g). Messaging Matrix Survey. May 21–27, 2021.
[Unpublished report].

To learn more visit:
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

ACADEMIC
PUBLIC HEALTH
VOLUNTEER
CORPS

Created by: Amanda Okpoebio