

COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

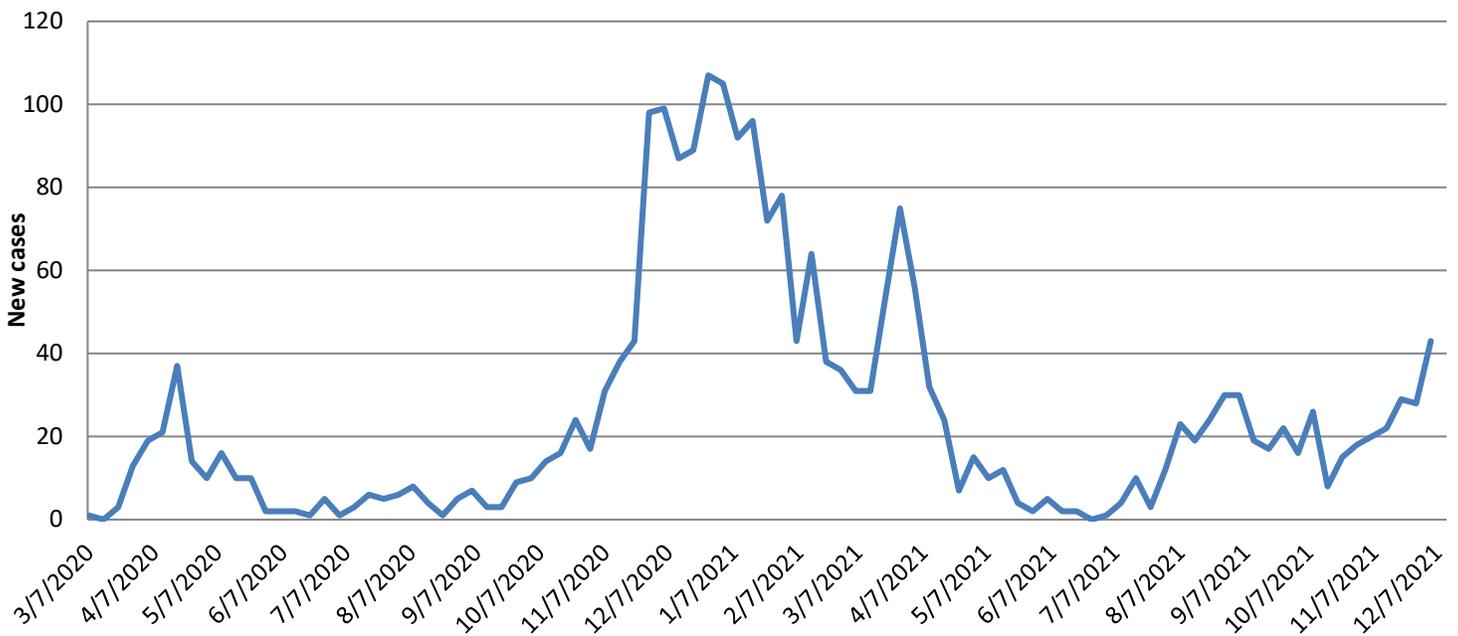
December 6, 2021:

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:**

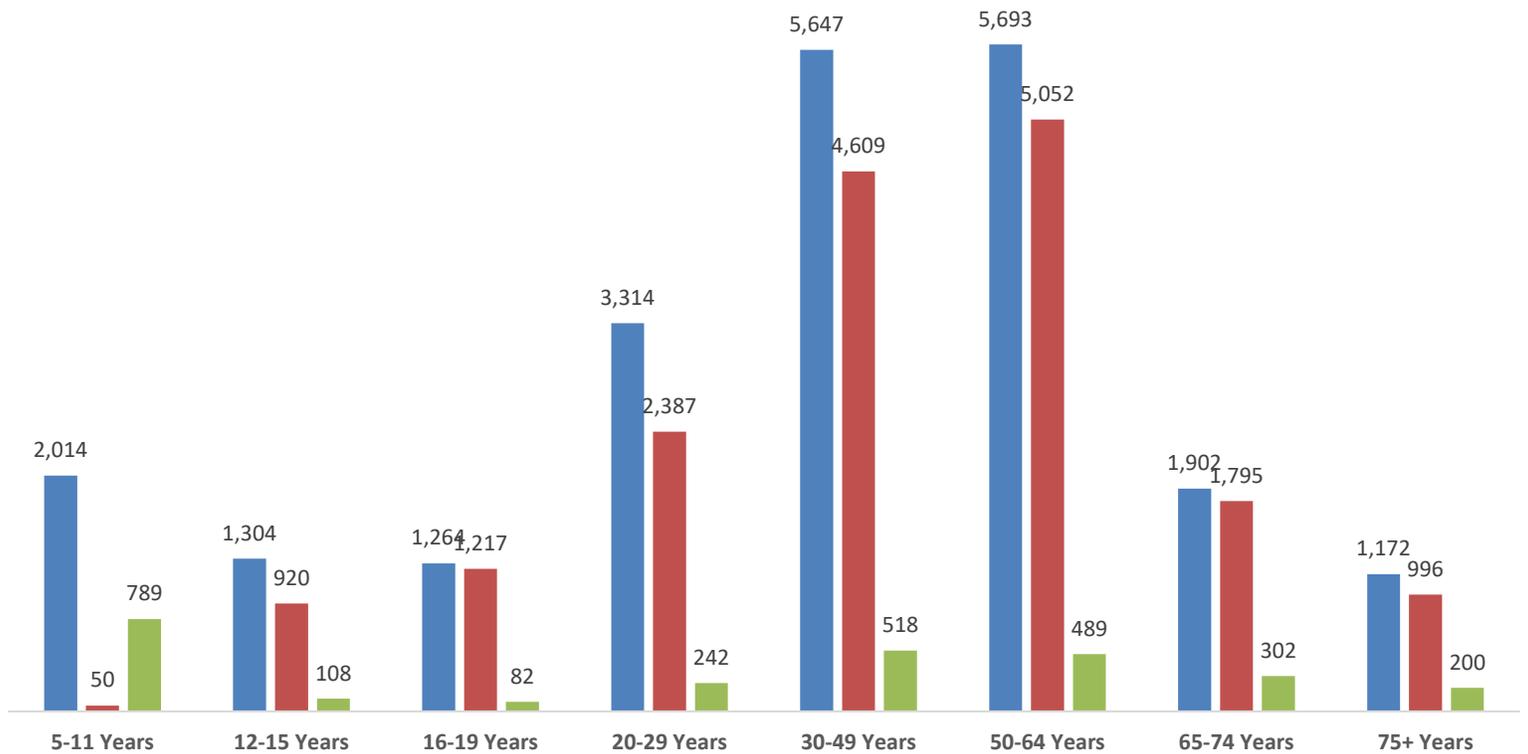
<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#	
Positive COVID-19 under isolation	53	(updated 12/06 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	2285	
Total tested positive since beginning:	2365	
Covid-19 Related Deaths	27	Last Covid death in Mansfield 12/01/21

**New COVID-19 cases per week
March 7, 2020 - December 4, 2021**



Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield- data through November 30, 2021

■ Population ■ Fully vaccinated individuals ■ Partially vaccinated individuals



All data obtained from [Massachusetts COVID-19 vaccination data](#)



Omicron Variant Detected in Massachusetts

Residents urged to get COVID-19 vaccine, booster

BOSTON (December 4, 2021) — The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) today announced that genetic sequencing has identified the COVID-19 Omicron variant for the first time in a case in Massachusetts. The individual is a female in her 20s and a resident of Middlesex County who traveled out of state. She is fully vaccinated, has experienced mild disease, and did not require hospitalization. The variant was identified through sequencing performed at New England Biolabs.

While Omicron is classified by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization as a Variant of Concern, scientists are still working to determine how it may compare with the predominant Delta variant in terms of transmissibility and disease severity. There

is some limited evidence that Omicron could be more transmissible than other COVID-19 virus variants, including Delta. This variant is being monitored closely by public health authorities around the world, and more information about what we know about Omicron is available on the CDC [website](#).

All three COVID-19 vaccines in use in the U.S have been shown to be highly protective against severe disease resulting in hospitalization or death due to known COVID-19 variants and remain the single best way for people to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their community from COVID-19. There are over 1,000 locations across the Commonwealth to get vaccinated or receive a booster. The vaccine is free, and no ID or insurance is required for vaccination. Visit vaxfinder.mass.gov for a list of vaccination locations.

Other public health prevention measures that help stop the spread of COVID-19 variants include: getting tested and staying home if you are sick, frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizer, following [masking requirements](#), and telling your close contacts if you test positive for COVID-19 so they can take appropriate steps. To learn more about protecting yourself from COVID-19, visit www.mass.gov/covidvaccine.

Residents are also urged to enable MassNotify on their smartphone. The service can be accessed through both Android and iPhone settings; it is NOT an application that can be obtained through an app store. This private and anonymous service notifies users of a potential exposure to COVID-19 so they may take the appropriate precautions. For more information and instructions on enabling MassNotify on your smartphone, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/learn-more-about-massnotify>.

The State Public Health Laboratory, the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, and several hospital and academic laboratories have all contributed to sequencing efforts in Massachusetts during the pandemic. This sequencing data contributes to the tracking of clusters and patterns of disease spread. This in-state laboratory capacity to sequence variants allows Massachusetts to not have to rely on out-of-state laboratories.

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For more information: [Omicron Variant: What You Need to Know | CDC](#)

- [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 boosters can be found at [COVID-19 booster frequently asked questions | Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-booster-frequently-asked-questions)

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

- [Testing for COVID-19](#)

NOT SURE IF YOU NEED TO BE TESTED FOR COVID-19?
 CDC's New COVID-19 Viral Testing Tool can help you.

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.



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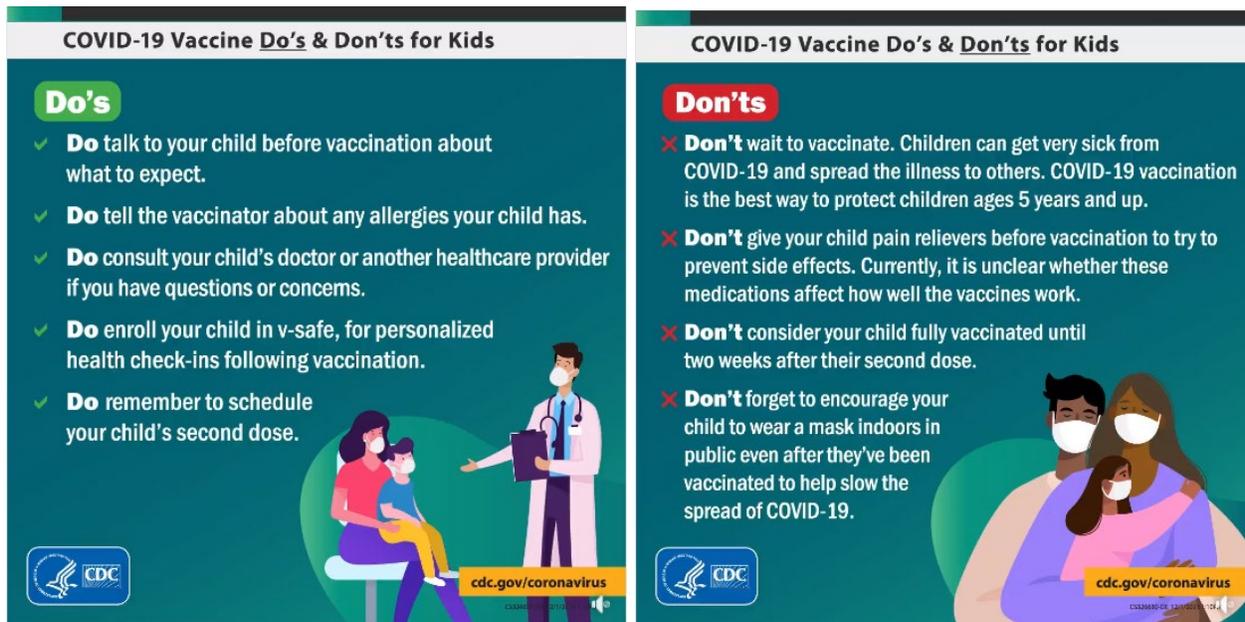
- [Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19 for individuals age 5+](#)

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.

Parents & Caregivers: Here's a list of do's and don'ts to consider while you plan for your child's COVID-19 vaccination. Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines for children and teens:

<https://bit.ly/3poCi29>.



- [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](#)

- [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	Substantial
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?](#)

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Cases	2,595
Case Rate per 100k	459.12
% Positivity	8.98%
Deaths	22
% of population ≥ 12 years of age fully vaccinated	68.3%
New Hospital Admissions	128

Data from [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

- [International Travel](#)



International Travelers
U.S. travel requirements have changed

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Traveling internationally? Starting Dec. 6, all air passengers, regardless of vaccination status, must show a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 1 day before travel to the United States.

Learn what steps you should take before your trip: <https://bit.ly/39Az04X>.

If you have questions, CDC's Travel Assessment can help: <https://bit.ly/3mi0932>