

COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

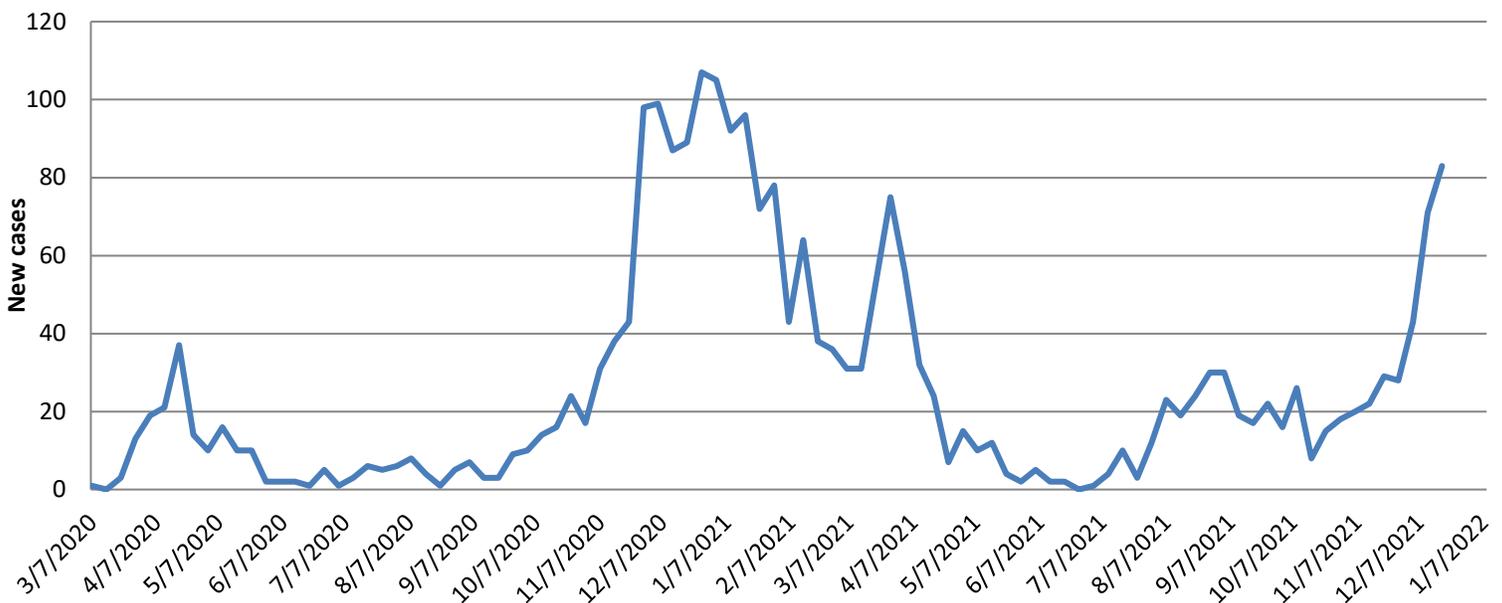
December 22, 2021:

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:**

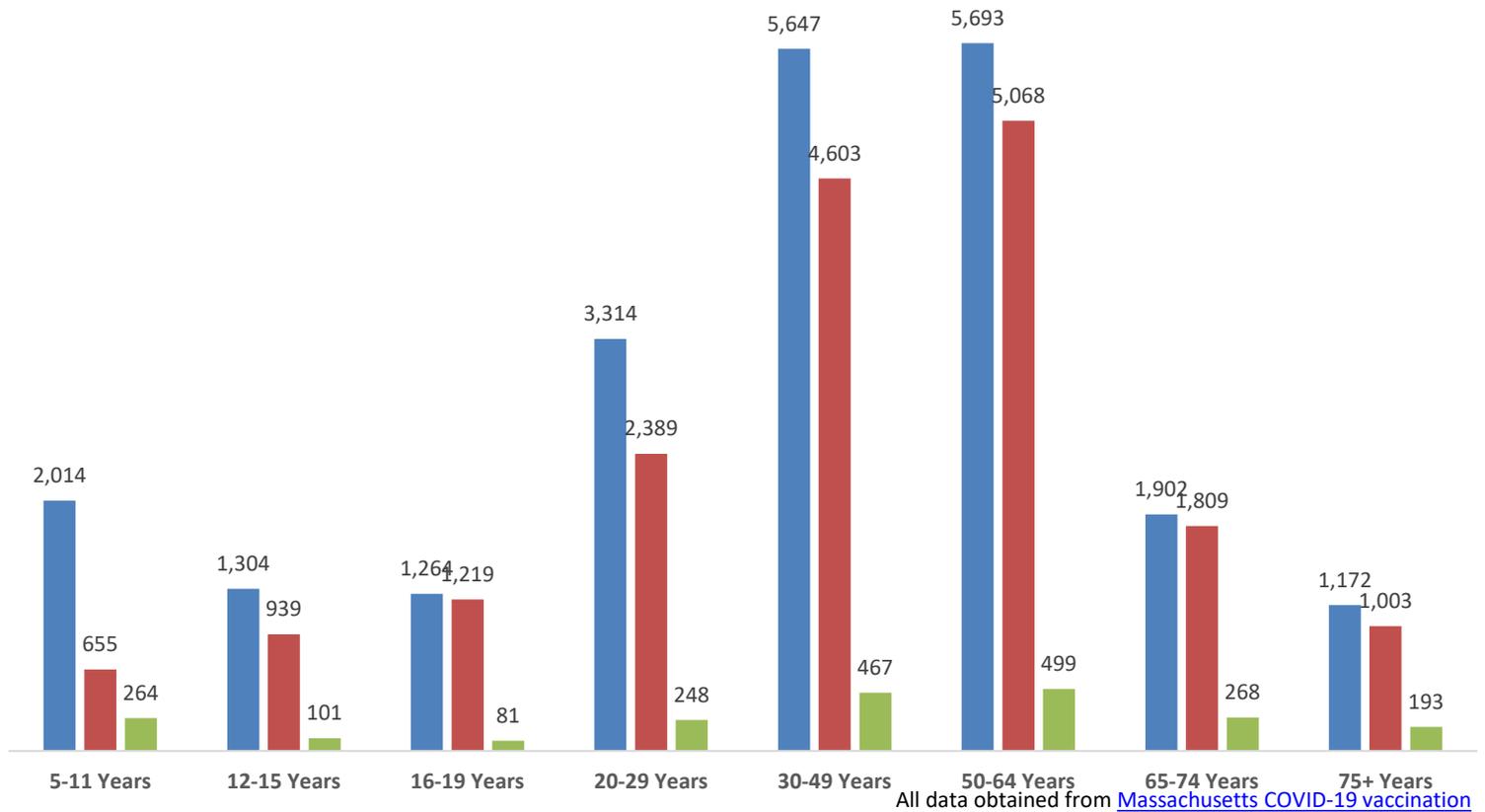
<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#	
Positive COVID-19 under isolation	128	(updated 12/22 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	2446	
Total tested positive since beginning:	2602	
Covid-19 Related Deaths	28	Last Covid death in Mansfield 12/17/21

**New COVID-19 cases per week
March 7, 2020 - December 18, 2021**



Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield- data through December 14, 2021

■ Population ■ Fully vaccinated individuals ■ Partially vaccinated individuals



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

Due to high demand, public Booster Clinics will be held at the Mansfield Public Safety Building located at 500 East Street in the Community Room on Monday, December 27th from 9:00am – 4:00pm and Tuesday, December 28th from 9:00am – 4:00pm. The Moderna booster will be available to anyone 18 years of age or older who is eligible for a booster shot.

Preregistration is required. Please bring your vaccine card with you. Masks are required in the building. No insurance information is needed and the booster is at no cost to the patient. **Sign up here:** <https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/mansfield>

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](#)

Am I eligible for a COVID-19 booster shot?

Who?
Individuals 16+ who are fully vaccinated*
*Individuals age 16-17 can only get the Pfizer booster

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

- [Mask Advisory for Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Residents](#)

Effective December 21, 2021: In response to the spread of the Delta variant and the emerging Omicron variant, the Department of Public Health now advises that all residents, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask or face covering when indoors (and not in your own home). The DPH particularly urges this recommendation if you have a weakened immune system, or if you are at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated.

COVID-19 Mask Requirements
 Learn about COVID-19 mask requirements in Massachusetts.

Your primary care physician can advise you whether you are at increased risk. Information from the Centers for Disease Control regarding the conditions that may put you at increased risk can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>.

All people in Massachusetts (regardless of vaccination status) are required to continue wearing face coverings in certain settings, including transportation and health care facilities. Please see www.mass.gov/maskrules for a complete list of venues where face coverings have remained mandatory since May 29, 2021.

For individuals who are not fully vaccinated, it is especially important that you wear a face covering or mask any time you are indoors and not in your own home to reduce the chance that you may spread COVID-19 to other people. People who show no symptoms of illness may still be able to spread COVID-19.

An individual is fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. However, if a fully vaccinated individual becomes symptomatic, they should be tested and wear a mask until receiving test results.

When you wear a face covering or cloth mask, it should:

- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face,
- Be secured with ties or ear loops,
- Include multiple layers of fabric,
- Allow for breathing without restriction, and
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape. For more information, please refer to the CDC at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

This advisory may change based on public health data and further guidance from the CDC.

- [Safer Ways to Celebrate Holidays](#)

Holiday traditions are important for families and children. There are several ways to enjoy holiday traditions and protect your health. Because many generations tend to gather to celebrate holidays, the best way to minimize COVID-19 risk and keep your family and friends safer is to get vaccinated if you're eligible.

How to Protect Yourself

Important Ways to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

- Get a [COVID-19 vaccine](#) as soon as you can. [Find a vaccine](#).
 - Wear [a mask that covers your nose and mouth](#) to help protect yourself and others.
 - [Stay 6 feet apart from others](#) who don't live with you.
 - Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
 - [Test](#) to prevent spread to others.
 - [Wash your hands often](#) with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.
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- [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.

- [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](#)

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>

The Town of Mansfield does not have any public testing or self-test kits available at this time. Please check the [Mansfield Health Department Coronavirus Information webpage](#) for updates.

- [COVID-19 Self-tests](#)

Self-tests may be used if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed or potentially exposed to an individual with COVID-19.

Even if you don't have symptoms and have not been exposed to an individual with COVID-19, using a self-test before gathering indoors with others can give you information about the risk of spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. This is especially important before gathering with [unvaccinated children](#), [older individuals](#), those who are [immunocompromised](#), or [individuals at risk of severe disease](#).

There are CDC videos available to learn more about self-tests.

[How To Use a Self-Test - YouTube](#)

[How To Interpret Self-Test Results - YouTube](#)

More information can be found here: [Self-Testing | CDC](#)

- [Omicron Variant](#)

Vaccines remain the best public health measure to protect people from COVID-19, slow transmission, and reduce the likelihood of new variants emerging.

Scientists are currently investigating Omicron, including how protected fully vaccinated people will be against infection, hospitalization, and death.

Masks offer protection against all variants. CDC continues to recommend wearing a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high [community transmission](#), regardless of vaccination status.



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

December 22, 2021

Cases	3,668
Case Rate per 100k	648.95
% Positivity	N/A
Deaths	23
% of population ≥ 5 years of age fully vaccinated	64.5%
New Hospital Admissions	161

Data from [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

- [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](#)

- [Enable MassNotify on your smartphone](#)

Add your phone to the fight. Know if you've been exposed and help stop the spread of COVID-19.

MassNotify is a tool that works through smartphones, with a focus on privacy, to alert users who may have been exposed to COVID-19. You can enable MassNotify on your iPhone or Android phone to add another tool to our fight against the spread of COVID-19.

- By opting in, your device will share anonymous codes with other MassNotify users using your phone's Bluetooth.
- MassNotify codes contain no personal information or location data and are completely anonymous.
- If another user you've been near tests positive for COVID-19 within a 14-day period, you will be notified. If you test positive, you can easily and anonymously notify others to stop the spread of COVID-19.



[Learn how to enable MassNotify on your phone.](#)