

COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

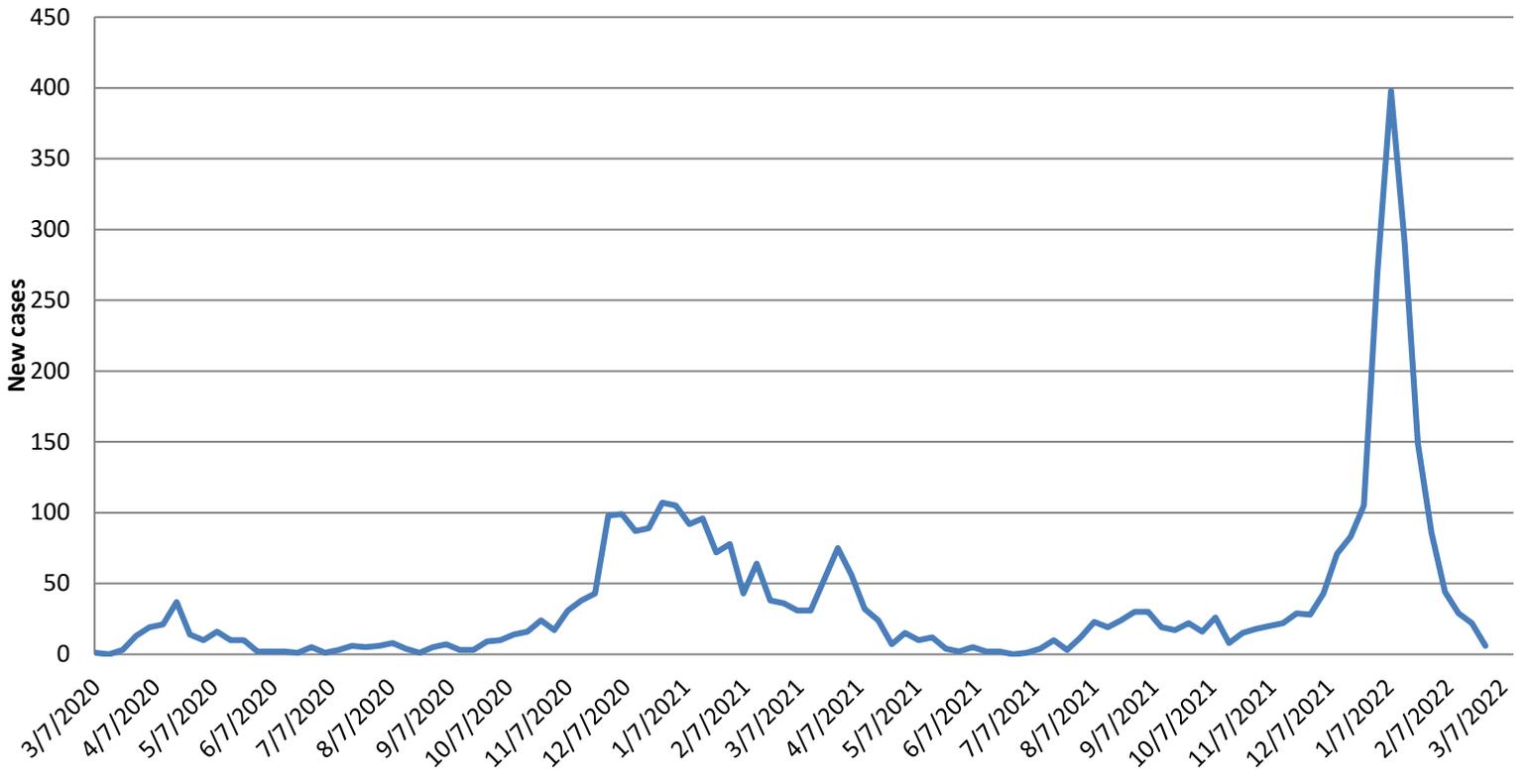
February 28, 2022:

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:**

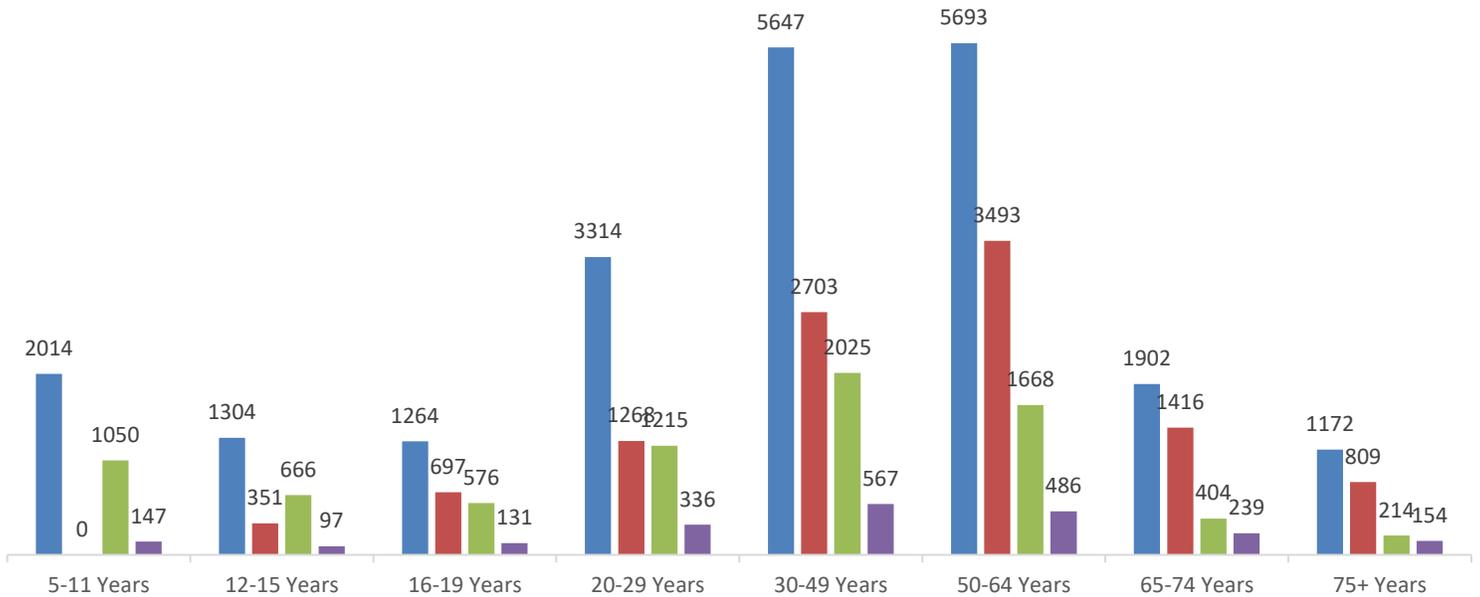
<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#	
Positive COVID-19 under isolation	7	(updated 02/28 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	4075	
Total tested positive since beginning:	4113	
Covid-19 Related Deaths	31	Last Covid death in Mansfield 1/28/22

**New COVID-19 cases per week
March 7, 2020 - February 26, 2022**



Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield- data through February 22, 2022*

■ Population ■ Individuals with booster doses ■ Fully vaccinated individual, no booster ■ 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)

*The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends that [Americans stay "up to date" with COVID-19 vaccines](#), rather than be "fully vaccinated." Up to date means a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible. Fully vaccinated means a person has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.

- [Your COVID-19 Community Level](#)

CDC is updating the way it monitors COVID-19's impact on our communities. Widespread availability of vaccines and testing, advances in treatments, and increasing levels of immunity in the population

through vaccination or previous infection have moved the COVID-19 pandemic to a new phase. While we can't prevent all cases of COVID-19, we can continue to [limit the spread](#) and protect those who are [most at risk](#) of severe illness.

WHAT'S A COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL?

- It's a new tool to help communities decide what prevention measures to take based on the latest data
- Every community in the United States is classified as:

Low

Limited impact on healthcare system, low levels of severe illness

Medium

Some impact on healthcare system, more people with severe illness

High

High potential for healthcare system strain; high level of severe illness

Given this new phase of the pandemic, CDC is launching a new [tool](#) to monitor COVID-19 Community Levels. Each county's COVID-19 Community Level is ranked as low, medium, or high ([find your county's level](#)). The COVID-19 Community Level map where you can find your county's level will be updated regularly with new data. Your community's level is determined by a combination of:



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- How many people with COVID-19 have been admitted into local hospitals in the last week
- How many local hospital beds are filled with COVID-19 patients
- How many new COVID-19 cases the county has had in the last week

CDC recommends certain prevention measures—such as wearing masks indoors—when COVID-19 Community Levels are high enough to strain the healthcare system and when needed to protect those at increased risk of severe illness. This allows people to take a break from masks and other measures when risk is low and reach for them again if things are getting worse. The community level metrics, which focus on the number of severe cases that require hospital care and use healthcare resources, and thus are a measure of more serious disease, provide a better picture of COVID-19’s impact on the health of individual people and communities. The COVID-19 Community Level metrics will help people and public health authorities decide which prevention measures to take. Get vaccinated if you’re eligible (everyone 5 and older is eligible), wear a mask indoors in areas where the COVID-19 Community Level is high, increase ventilation in indoor spaces, and stay home when sick. If you aren’t up to date on your vaccinations, [find a vaccine](#).

- [Bristol County COVID-19 Community Level is identified as LOW](#)

[COVID-19 Community Levels](#) are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.

What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID-19 Community Level?

Community Burden Levels		
Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a mask indoors in public • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms • Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness
<p>People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.</p>		

In **Bristol County, Massachusetts**, community level is **Low**.

- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

If you are immunocompromised, learn more about [how to protect yourself](#).

COVID-19 Community Level designations throughout Massachusetts:

County	COVID-19 Community Level
Barnstable	Low
Berkshire	Medium
Bristol	Low
Dukes	Low
Essex	Low
Franklin	Medium
Hampden	Low

County	COVID-19 Community Level
Hampshire	Medium
Middlesex	Low
Nantucket	Medium
Norfolk	Low
Plymouth	Low
Suffolk	Medium
Worcester	Medium



- [People with Certain Medical Conditions](#)

CDC has updated the [list of certain medical conditions](#) that put people at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 to include additional disabilities, primary immunodeficiency, and physical inactivity.

CDC determines the level of risk of severe COVID-19 based on available information, such as published reports, scientific articles, and data from rigorous CDC-led investigations.

This list may not include every underlying medical condition that might increase a person's risk for getting very sick from COVID-19. This list will be updated as CDC learns more about other medical conditions.

A person with a condition that is not listed may still be more likely to get very sick from COVID-19 and should talk with their healthcare professional about how best to manage their condition and protect themselves from COVID-19.

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

Important Links for Vaccination:

- MA COVID-19 Vaccine Information: www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccine-information
- Find a Vaccine Location, including boosters: www.vaxfinder.mass.gov
- COVID-19 Vaccine frequently asked questions: www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions
- COVID-19 vaccine booster shots, ages 12+: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html
- COVID-19 booster frequently asked questions: www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-booster-frequently-asked-questions
- Generate a COVID-19 digital vaccine card: www.mass.gov/massachusetts-vaccination-records
- Request a copy of your vaccine record: www.mass.gov/info-details/requesting-a-copy-of-your-covid-19-vaccination-record

- [Isolation and Quarantine Guidance for the General Public](#)

Important Links for Isolation and Quarantine:

- Mansfield COVID information: www.mansfieldma.com/601/Covid-Information
- COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Guidance for the General Public: www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-isolation-and-quarantine-guidance-for-the-general-public
- How To Talk To Your Close Contacts: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/tell-your-contacts.html
- Enable MassNotify on your smartphone: www.mass.gov/info-details/enable-massnotify-on-your-smartphone

- [Public Health Advisory regarding COVID-19 Testing](#)

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health advises all residents to seek COVID-19 tests when exhibiting [COVID symptoms](#), or five days following a known close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID pursuant to MA DPH quarantine and isolation protocols, updated in accordance with the new CDC guidance.

Important Links for Testing:

- CDC's online COVID-19 Viral Testing Tool: <https://bit.ly/covid-testing-tool>
- MA DPH COVID-19 Testing information: <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing>
- Find a COVID-19 Test: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test>
- Using a COVID-19 Self-Test: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/using-a-covid-19-self-test>
- CDC COVID-19 Testing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html>
- Order free At-Home COVID-19 Tests: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

- [Types of Masks and Respirators](#)

Important Links for Masks and Respirators:

- COVID-19 Mask Information: www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-mask-information
- Your Guide to Masks: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html
- Improve How Your Mask Protects You: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/effective-masks.html
- Types of Masks and Respirators: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html

- [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>