

## COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

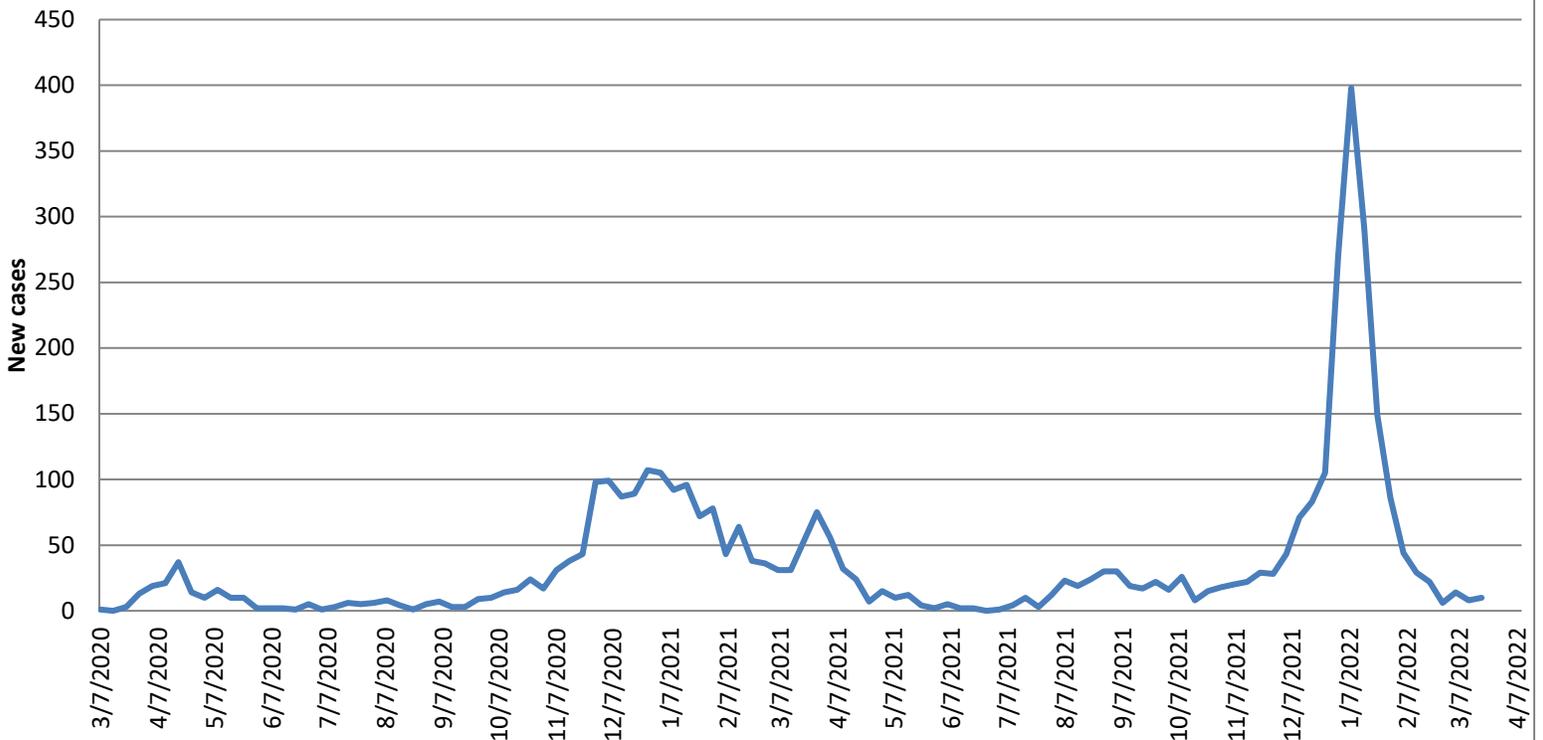
**March 21, 2022:**

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	<b>10</b>	(updated 03/21 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	<b>4108</b>	
Total tested positive since beginning:	<b>4154</b>	
Covid-19 Related Deaths	<b>36</b>	Last Covid death in Mansfield 2/15/22

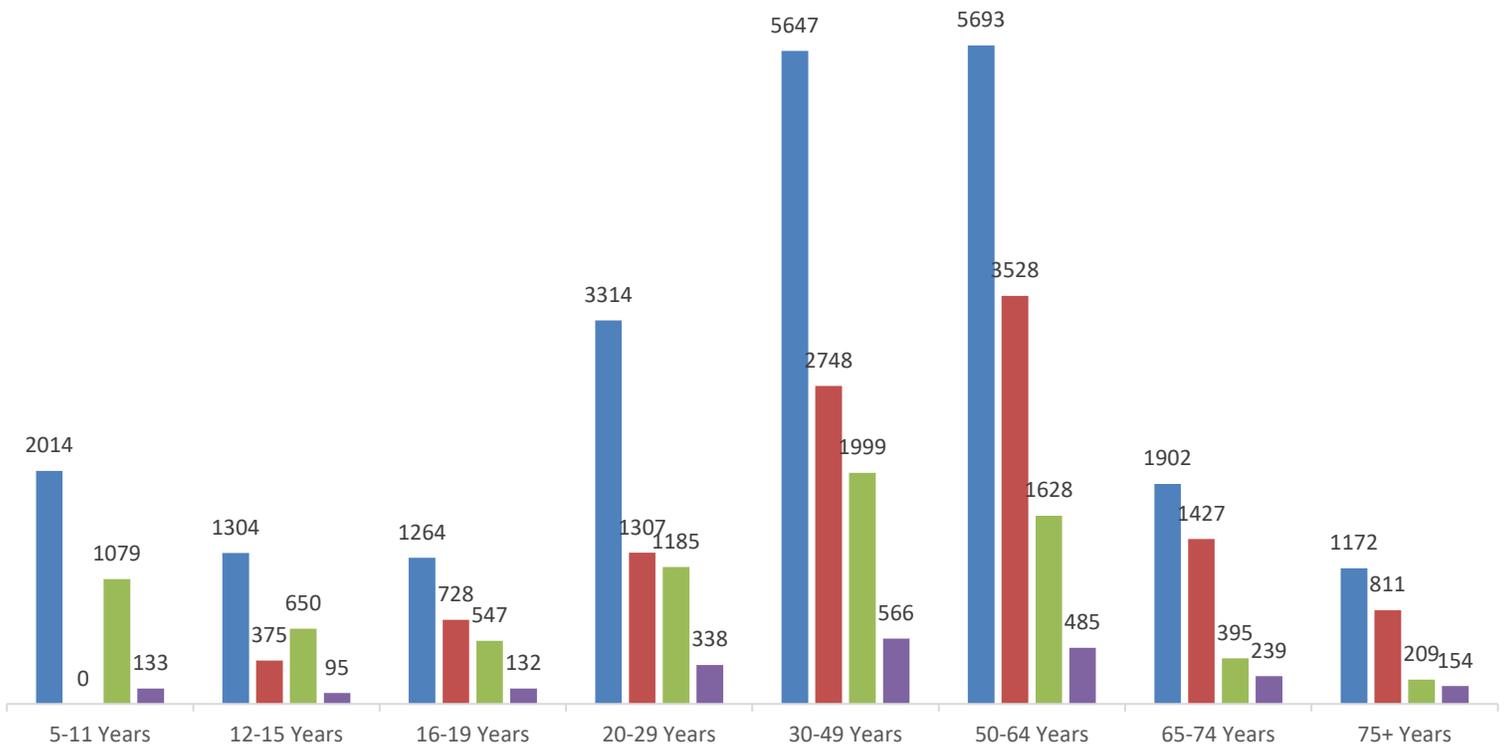
**New COVID-19 reported cases per week\***  
**March 7, 2020 - March 19, 2022**



\* At home test results are not reported nor included in state data

## Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield- data through March 15, 2022

■ Population ■ Individuals with booster doses ■ Fully vaccinated individual, no booster ■ Partially vaccinated individuals

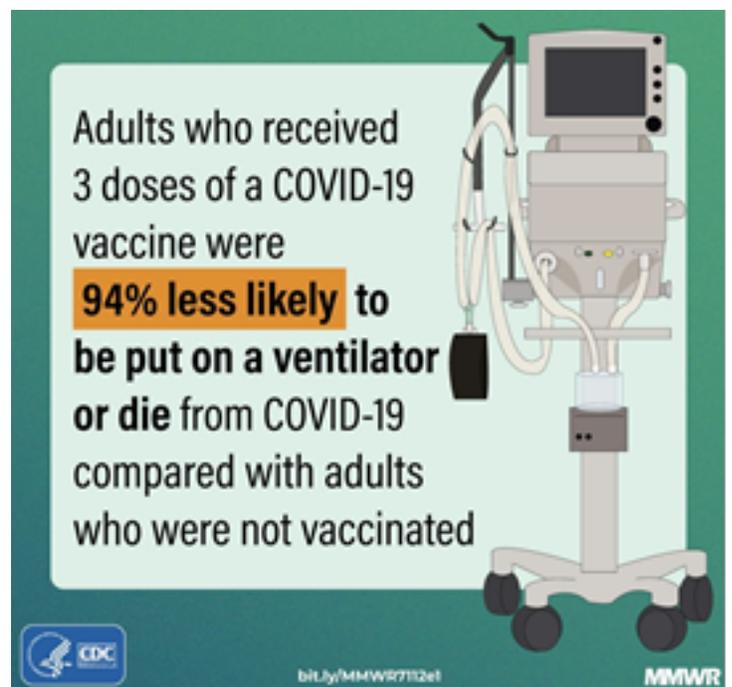


All data obtained from [Massachusetts COVID-19 vaccination data and updates](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccination-data-and-updates) | [Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov)

### Boosted is Best

COVID-19 [cases](#), [hospitalizations](#), and [deaths](#) all continue to decrease in the United States. According to CDC's [COVID Data Tracker](#), as of March 16, 2022, 76.7% of the total U.S. population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 65.3% has completed their primary series. However, only about half of the [booster-eligible population](#) has received a booster dose and is considered [up to date](#) on their COVID-19 vaccines.

Two new studies show the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines and boosters across periods of three [variants of concern](#) (Alpha, Delta, and Omicron). CDC released a [study](#) today showing that, among adults hospitalized with COVID-19 during the Delta and Omicron waves, those who received two or three doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine had 90–95% less risk of dying or needing a ventilator compared with adults who were not vaccinated. Protection was highest in adults who received a third COVID-19



vaccine dose. A study published in the [British Medical Journal](#) found that vaccines gave a high level of protection against hospitalization for all variants, but not as much for Omicron among adults who received only a primary series. However, boosters increased protection against Omicron. The study also showed that hospital patients who were vaccinated had much lower disease severity than patients who were not vaccinated.

These studies emphasize the importance of staying up to date with vaccinations—they are our best protection against severe COVID-19 illness. Vaccination is also the safest way to reduce the chance that new variants will emerge. [Find a vaccine provider](#) and get your booster dose as soon as you can.\*

\*People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised have specific COVID-19 vaccine recommendations for the primary series and booster dose due to their different immune response following COVID-19 vaccination. For more information, visit [CDC’s website](#).

- [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.

In **Bristol County**, 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 as of March 17th:

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

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

- [Treatments for COVID-19](#)

Free treatments for COVID-19 are available. They can help prevent hospitalization and reduce your chance for severe disease.

Treatment is available for people who are at increased risk of severe disease, test positive for COVID-19 and have any symptoms, even mild ones (such as runny nose or cough). The sooner you start treatment, the better.

- **Call your doctor right away** to learn about your treatment options, OR
- **Call (508) 213-1380** to speak with a Gothams representative. If you're eligible for COVID-19 treatment, they can schedule an infusion appointment for you at one of their 7 sites in Massachusetts. Gothams COVID-19 Self-Referral Treatment Line is open Monday–Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 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.

**Important Links for Vaccination:**

- MA COVID-19 Vaccine Information: [www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccine-information](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccine-information)
- Find a Vaccine Location, including boosters: [www.vaxfinder.mass.gov](http://www.vaxfinder.mass.gov)
- COVID-19 Vaccine frequently asked questions: [www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions](http://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](http://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](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-booster-frequently-asked-questions)
- Generate a COVID-19 digital vaccine card: [www.mass.gov/massachusetts-vaccination-records](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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>
- **Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 2 sets of 4 free at-home tests. If you already ordered your first set, order a second today.** Order free At-Home COVID-19 Tests: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

- [COVID-19 Mask Requirements](#)

#### Important Links for Masks and Respirators:

- COVID-19 Mask Information: [www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-mask-information](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-mask-information)
- Types of Masks and Respirators: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html)
- Your Guide to Masks: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html](http://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](http://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](http://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>