

COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

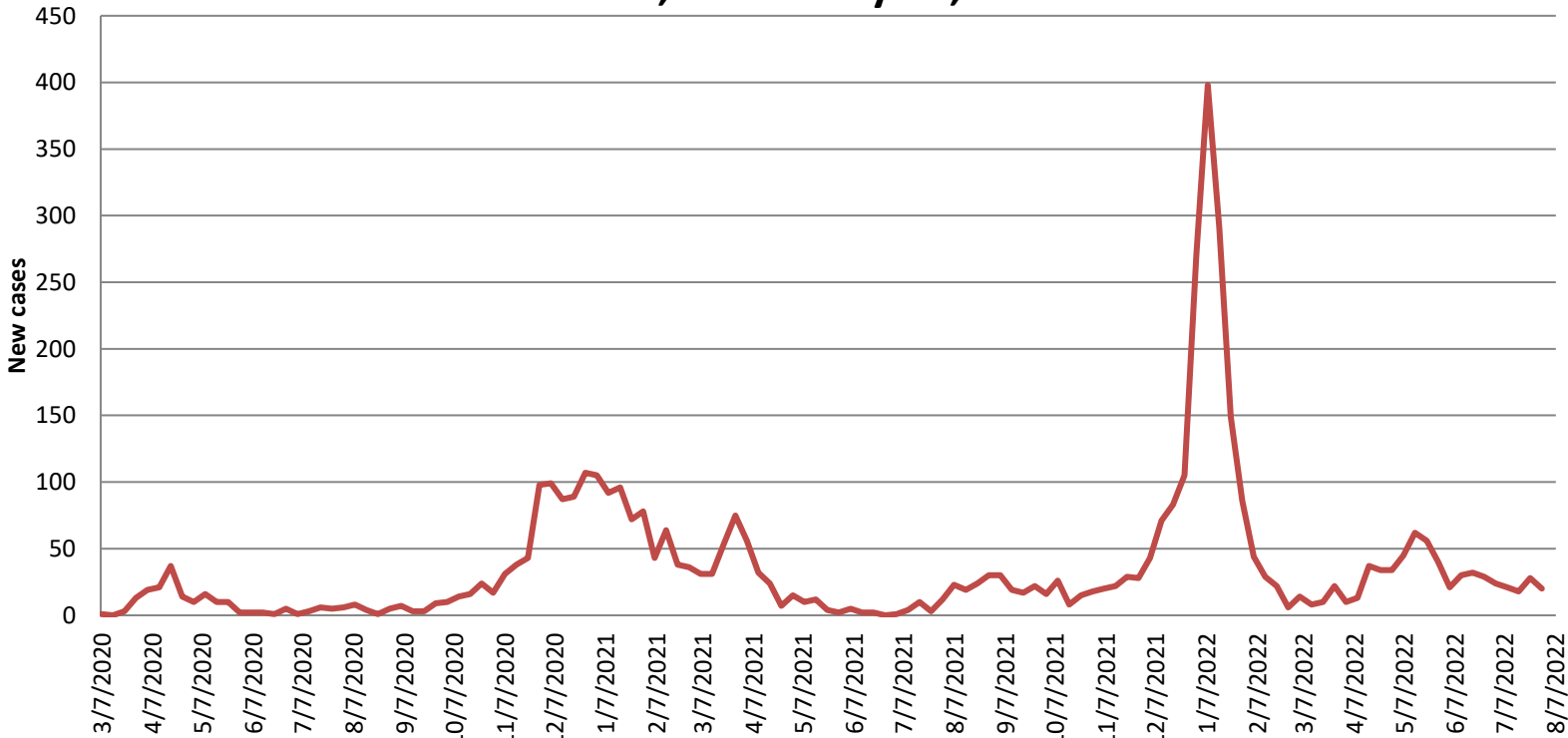
August 1, 2022:

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	24	(updated 08/01 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	4769	
Total tested positive since beginning:	4832	
Covid-19 Related Deaths	39	Last Covid death in Mansfield 6/12/22

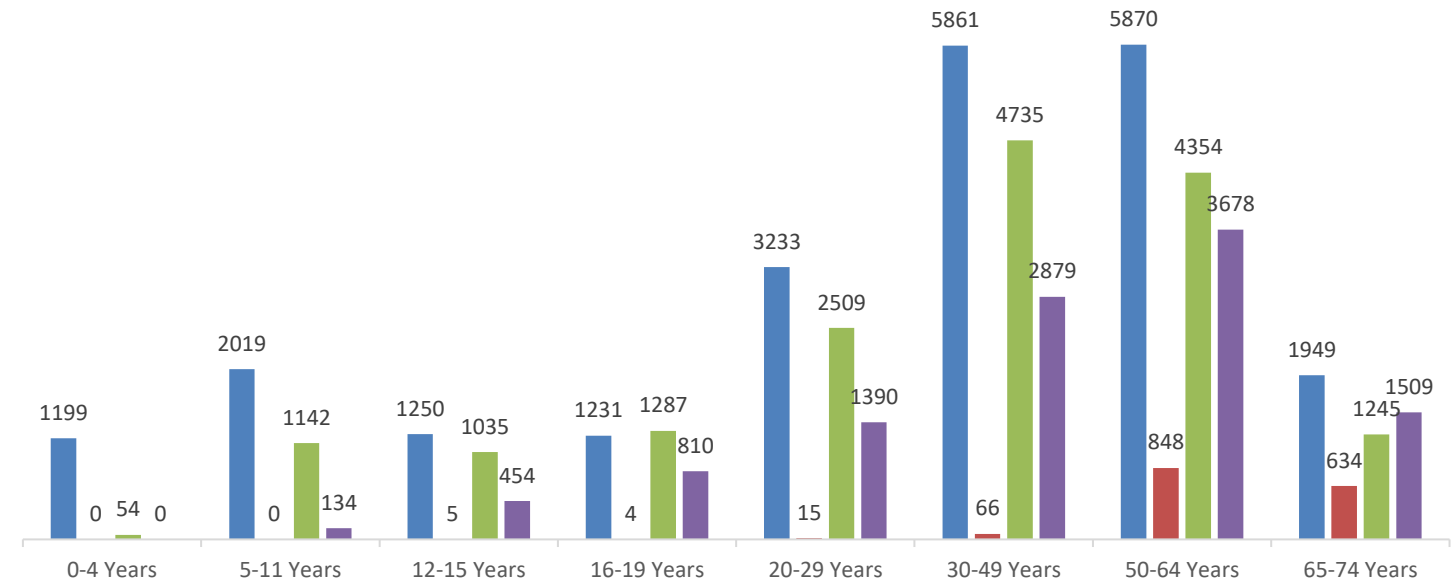
New COVID-19 cases per week*
March 7, 2020 - July 30, 2022



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

Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield- data through Jul 27, 2022

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



Booster doses recommended for 5+ years old;
Second booster doses recommended for 50+ years old

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)

Act Now. Get Boosted. In March 2022, CDC [recommended](#) a second [COVID-19 booster](#) for adults ages 50 years and older and people ages 12 years and older who have [weakened immune systems](#). So far, [only about 28%](#) of adults ages 50 years and older with a first booster dose have received a second booster dose. This means that millions of people are now six or seven months past their first booster and could be more vulnerable to BA.4 and BA.5, the newest lineages of [Omicron](#).

Data suggest that BA.4 and BA.5 spread more easily than previous Omicron lineages. They've been [on the rise](#) for weeks, and BA.5 has become the predominant lineage in the United States (see A Closer Look). So more people—even those who might have protection from past infection or vaccination—have gotten COVID-19, and [COVID-19-associated hospitalization rates](#) and [death rates](#) have risen among older adults.



The good news is that a [new CDC study](#) found that second boosters can restore vaccine protection against hospitalization that might have dropped over time. New [surveillance data](#) have also shown that second boosters provide additional protection against death from COVID-19 in people ages 50 years and older.

Act now to protect yourself and others around you.

- Get boosted [if eligible](#), even if you've already had COVID-19, and especially if you're over age 50 years or have [underlying medical conditions](#).
- Monitor your local [COVID-19 Community Level](#) and take appropriate [prevention measures](#).
- Follow CDC's [testing](#) and [isolation](#) guidelines if you are exposed to COVID-19 or have [symptoms](#)

- [Get Vaccinated and Boosted Against COVID-19 for individuals ages 6 months+](#)

The CDC recommends COVID-19 vaccines for everyone 6 months and older and boosters for everyone 5 years and older, if eligible.

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.

Who is eligible to get a booster?

CDC recommends everyone ages 5 years and older receive a COVID-19 vaccine booster after completing their primary COVID-19 vaccination series. Some people can receive two boosters. The CDC new [interactive tool](#) helps users identify whether they (or someone else) need to receive a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

1st booster

Everyone age 5 and older can get a booster after they have had their primary vaccine series:

- At least 5 months after completion of an mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna) vaccine primary series
- At least 2 months after completion of a Janssen/J&J primary dose.

2nd booster

- Anyone age 50 and older may get a 2nd booster at least 4 months after their 1st booster
- All people aged 12 years and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised
- Anyone age 18-49 years who are not moderately or severely immunocompromised and who received Janssen/J&J COVID-19 Vaccine as both their primary series dose and their booster dose, at least 4 months after the first Janssen booster dose

Important Links for Vaccination:

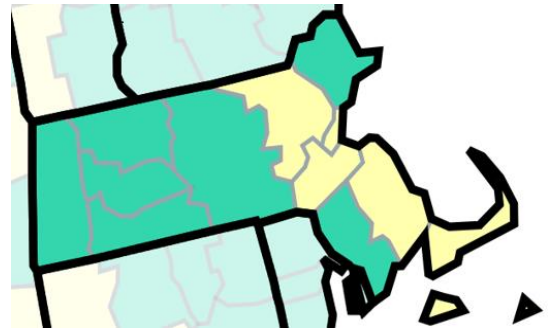
- MA COVID-19 Vaccine Information: www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccine-information
- Find a Vaccine Location, including boosters: www.vaxfinder.mass.gov
- COVID-19 Vaccine frequently asked questions: www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions
- COVID-19 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

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

[COVID-19 Community Levels](#) are a 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. Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19.
- Wear a mask on [public transportation](#). You may choose to wear a mask at any time as an additional precaution to protect yourself and others.



COVID-19 Community Level designations throughout Massachusetts today:

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

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

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

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.

- [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
- Children in Child Care, K-12, Out-of-School Time and Rec Camp/Program Settings: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-isolation-and-quarantine-guidance-for-children-in-child-care-k-12-out-of-school-time-ost-and-recreational-campprogram-settings>
- 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

The CDC has a new [COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation \(Q&I\) Calculator](#) which offers customized information to address each unique situation. It takes the stress out of figuring when, and for how long, people with COVID-19 and close contacts need to stay home, get tested, and wear a well-fitting mask. The calculator provides important information about what precautions people with COVID-19 and their close contacts can take to protect loved ones and prevent COVID-19 in their communities. This online, mobile-friendly calculator provides a simple, easy-to-use way to help people follow CDC's [Quarantine and Isolation](#) guidance and get customized information that applies to their unique situation.

To use the tool:

- People with COVID-19 who do not have symptoms need to know the date they were tested for COVID-19
- People with COVID-19 who have symptoms need to know the date their symptoms began
- Close contacts need to know the date they last came into close contact with someone with COVID-19

- [Treatments for COVID-19](#)

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.

- [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>

- [COVID-19 Mask Requirements](#)

Free N95 Respirators

The Strategic National Stockpile has distributed N95 respirators to pharmacy distribution centers throughout the country. Click [here](#) to find free masks (N95 respirators) at a participating location near you. For information about how to use your N95 correctly, see [How to Use Your N95 Respirator](#).

Important Links for Masks and Respirators:

- COVID-19 Mask Information: 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
 - 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
 - Find Free Masks (N95 Respirators): www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/free-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>

