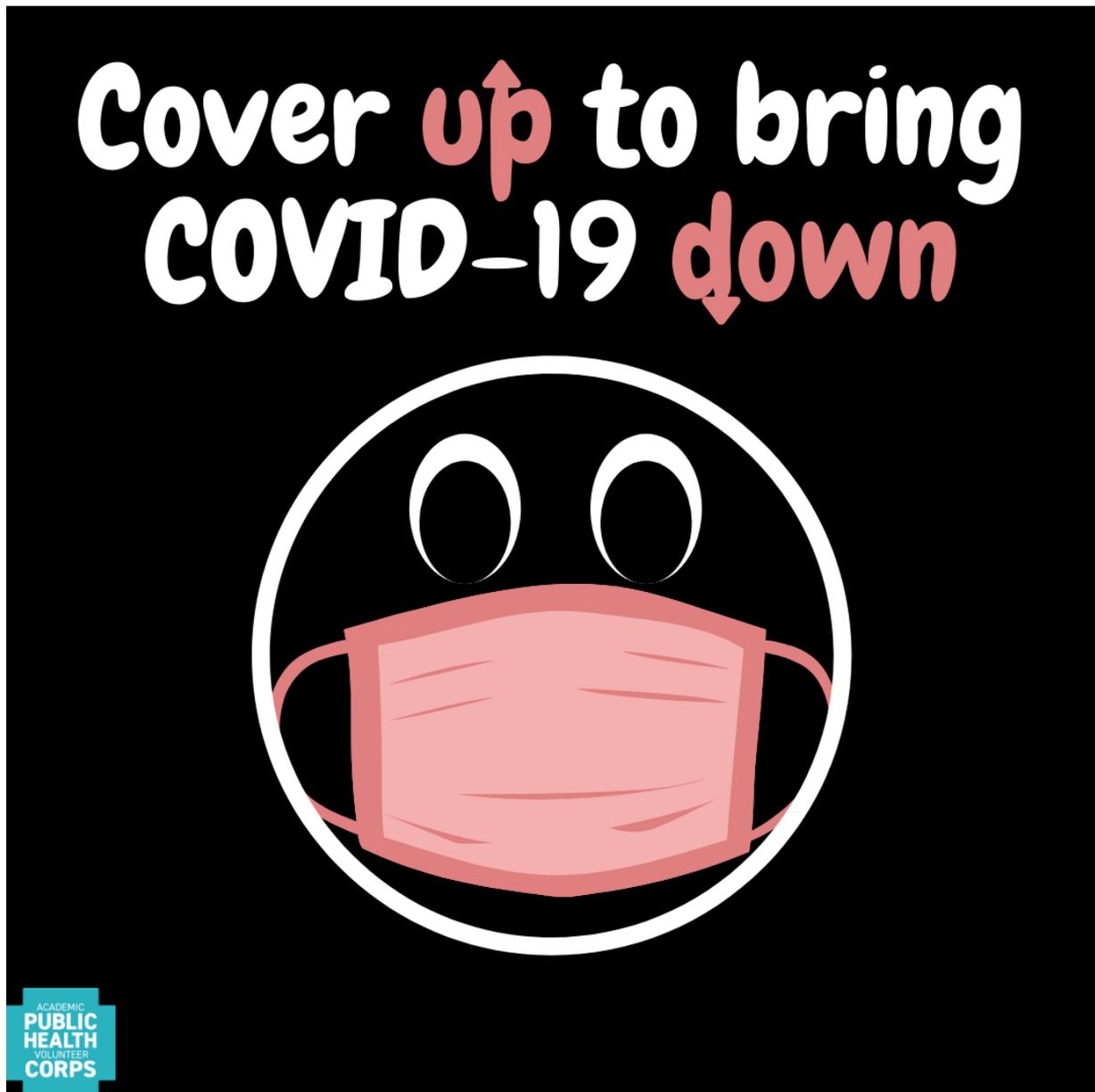


COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

August 17, 2020:

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	13	(updated 8/17 0800)	The State's CTC has now taken over. There will be delays on the numbers for positive cases recovered	
Total cases subject to quarantine & isolation	Unavailable at this time			
Positive Cases recovered	166			
			Total tested positive since beginning:	192
Covid-19 Related Deaths	13	(updated 8/17 0800)	Last Covid death in Mansfield 5/10/20	

- COVID 19 Prevention and Treatment**

The most up-to-date information on what you need to know about prevention and treatment of COVID-19 in Massachusetts can be found [here](#).

Latest guidance

- **Limit Gatherings:** Under the updated gatherings order (August 7), indoor gatherings are limited to eight people per 1,000 square feet, but should not exceed 25 people in a single enclosed, indoor space. Outdoor gatherings in enclosed spaces are limited to 25 percent of the facility’s maximum permitted occupancy, with a maximum of 50 people in a single enclosed outdoor space. [Read the Full Order](#)
- **Stay Safer At Home:** Read the Department of Public Health's [Safer-at-Home Advisory](#)
- **Cover Your Face:** Learn more about the order and best practices: [Wear a Mask in Public](#).
- **Learn More About Reopening:** Visit the [Reopening Massachusetts](#) site.

Prevention

Many of the things you do to help prevent colds and the flu can help protect you against other respiratory viruses, including COVID-19:

- **Wash your hands often** with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose and mouth.
- **Clean things that are frequently touched** (like doorknobs and countertops) with household cleaning spray or wipes.

- **Cover your mouth** when you cough or sneeze. Use a tissue or your inner elbow, not your hands.
- **Stay home if you are sick** and avoid close contact with others.

Even if you do not have symptoms, stay home as much as you can and practice social distancing if you must go out. That's because you can be sick with COVID-19 and spread the illness to others as much as 48 hours before you have symptoms.

There are currently no vaccines available to protect against this novel coronavirus infection.

Social distancing

People can spread COVID19 up to 48 hours before they have symptoms. That's why social distancing is so important— no matter what.

Social distancing tips:

- Call/Facetime/online chat with friends and family
- Stay home as much as you can
- If you must go out:
 - Don't gather in groups
 - Stay 6 feet away from others
 - Don't shake hands or hug
- And please continue to wash your hands frequently

Stay at home

On May 18, DPH issued a Safer-at-Home Advisory. **Safer at home** means people over the age of 65 and people who have underlying health conditions – who are at high risk for COVID-19 – should continue to stay home except for essential errands. All residents are advised to leave home only for healthcare, worship and permitted work, shopping, and activities. More guidance is outlined in the [Safer-at-Home Advisory](#).

If you have been **exposed to possible COVID-19 contact**, you will be directed to **quarantine** by self-monitoring at home in case you get sick.

- Infographic: [10 Tips for At-Home Quarantine or Self-Monitoring](#)
- [Information sheet: How to Self-quarantine and Self-isolate](#)
- [What should I do if someone in my household is quarantined?](#)
- [Quarantine related to travel to Massachusetts](#)

If you have **tested positive for COVID-19**, you will be directed to **self-isolate** by separating yourself from others to keep your germs from spreading.

- [Information sheet: How to Self-quarantine and Self-isolate](#)
- [CDC Isolation Guidance](#)
- If you have questions about isolation or quarantine, you can call your Local Board of Health or the Department of Public Health's On-call Epidemiologists at 617-983-6800.

Wear a mask

Governor Baker issued an [Order](#) that went into effect on May 6 requiring face masks or cloth face coverings in public places where social distancing is not possible. This applies to both indoor and outdoor spaces. Exceptions include children under the age of 2 and those unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition. Read the full DPH [Guidance](#).

It is critical to emphasize that social distancing measures remain in effect and keeping 6 feet apart from others remains important to slowing the spread of the virus.

[Learn more about wearing face coverings and cloth masks](#) in public, including fact sheets in multiple languages.

Treatment

At this time there is no specific treatment for this novel coronavirus. Antiviral medications used to treat other types of viruses are being used but their efficacy is not known at this time.

Additional resources

For more information, please visit [frequently asked questions about COVID-19](#).

Download a [printable fact sheet](#) – these helpful guides can be posted in workplaces and public spaces.