

COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

September 28, 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	3	(updated 9/28 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	197	
Total tested positive since beginning:	213	
Mansfield Community Designation Level	Green	Red-higher risk Yellow- moderate risk Green- lower risk
Covid-19 Related Deaths	13	(updated 9/28 08:00) Last Covid death in Mansfield 5/10/20

- [Halloween During COVID-19](#)

Tips for a Safe and Healthy Halloween

As a reminder, the following COVID-19 prevention and mitigation standards apply to all activities in Massachusetts, including Halloween activities. Residents should adhere to each of the following:

- Wear a face mask or face covering. For more information on face masks and face coverings, please see the state's [Mask Up MA](#) webpage.
- Observe good hand hygiene, including hand washing and use of alcohol-based sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol. Carry hand sanitizer and use it often, especially after coming into contact with frequently touched surfaces and before eating candy.
- Refrain from touching your face.

- Stay home and refrain from Halloween activities, including handing out Halloween treats, if:
 - you feel unwell;
 - you have tested positive for COVID-19;
 - you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19; or
 - you have traveled to or from a state that is not classified as lower risk within the last 14 days. For more information on lower risk states, please see the state's COVID-19 [Travel Order](#) webpage.
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet of physical distance from all other participants who are not members of the same household.

Halloween Activities

Residents and communities should follow the [Halloween activity guidance released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) to understand alternative ways to participate in Halloween that may limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. As a reminder, any Halloween activities are subject to the current [gathering size limits](#) as well as applicable [sector-specific workplace safety standards](#).

- **Updated guidance for restaurants**

As of today, the [sector specific workplace safety standards for restaurants](#) have been revised. Some changes include:

- The size of a party seated at a table cannot exceed 10.
- Bar seating is permitted provided that either:
 - There are no active work areas or working staff behind the bar at least 6 ft away; or
 - There is a physical barrier (e.g. Plexiglas) separating customers from the bar space that is at least 30 inches high and a gap/opening at the bottom of the barrier is allowed for food and drink service as long as the gap/opening is no more than 8 inches high
 - In addition, parties must be seated at bars (no standing customer service) and parties must be spaced at least 6 ft from other parties
 - Subject to any applicable building and fire code requirements, bar areas may be reconfigured to accommodate table seating that complies with all spacing and other requirements in these COVID-19 safety standards. Tables must not be placed within 6 feet of the staffed bartending area.
- Recreation amenities which are allowed to open in Step 1 of Phase III (such as arcade games) may be open if adhering to all safety protocols in the Arcades & Other Indoor & Outdoor Game & Recreation Businesses including the requirement that active use of pool tables and other games involving patrons not seated at tables is not permitted in areas where food service is provided.

- Valet parking operations should be avoided unless necessary due to physical or geographic constraints or in order to accommodate individual guests with disabling conditions
 - Valets must be provided with hand sanitizer and should use sanitizer before and after parking vehicles

Comprehensive guidelines can be found on the [website](#).

- **A Small Survey for Health, a Big Impact for you**

How has the COVID-19 crisis impacted your life? The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is trying to better help people through the COVID-19 crisis by hearing about their experiences and challenges right now. By taking this survey, you will provide information that will directly affect your community. Along the way you'll also be provided resources that help connect you with things like **FOOD, ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, and PARENTING RESOURCES**. Your answers are anonymous. The survey will ask questions about the following:

- Your experience protecting yourself from COVID-19
- If you had COVID-19, what your experience was like with symptoms and testing
- Your ability to access basic needs like medical care and essential supplies
- Your physical health and mental wellbeing
- How the COVID-19 crisis has impacted your housing, education, employment and income
- Basic questions about you, like your age, gender, race, and where you live (but we do not ask about sensitive information that can be used to identify you)

Survey Link: www.mass.gov/COVIDsurvey

This survey takes about 10-15 minutes to complete. Anyone 14 or older who lives in Massachusetts can take the survey. If you have any questions about this survey, you may contact: covid19survey@mass.gov. Frequently Asked Questions: [FAQ document](#)

This research will be reviewed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Institutional Review Board (MA-DPH IRB). If you wish to speak with someone from the MA-DPH IRB, you may contact them at DPH.IRB@mass.gov or by phone (617) 624-5647.