

## COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

**December 22, 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	169	(updated 12/22 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	501	
Total tested positive since beginning:	690	
Mansfield Community Designation Level	Red	Red-higher risk Yellow- moderate risk Green- lower risk
Covid-19 Related Deaths	20	Last Covid death in Mansfield 12/17/20

- **Temporary Revisions to COVID-19 Measures starting Saturday, December 26**

Governor Baker announced today a temporary Executive Order and revised COVID-19 measures to reduce the spread of the virus in Massachusetts.

The temporary Executive Order will outline the following measures that will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and will continue until Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, with a possibility of an extension of another week based upon available data.

This pause will reduce allowable occupancy from current capacity levels of 40% to 25% in multiple sectors.

- Notably, this capacity limit will now apply to restaurants. Capacity will be set at 25% of pre-COVID seating capacity and distancing between tables and other requirements will remain in place. Indoor and Outdoor seating capacity must be calculated separately (rather than combining them).
- Small spaces (such as personal services) and other spaces without clear occupancy standards may use 5 people / 1000 square feet as an alternative to the 25% occupancy.
- The 25% limit will not apply to manufacturing, laboratories, drive in movie theaters, or construction
- Employees/staff are exempted from the capacity count

- Limits at indoor event venues are being reduced to 10 people.
- Limits at outdoor event venues are being reduced to 25 people.
- Current limits at private residences remain the same (10 indoors and 25 outdoors)
- Limits at movie theaters will be reduced to 25% (no more than 50 people per theater)
- Limits outdoor performance venues will remain 25% (with the max number reduced to 25 from 50).
- Office spaces will be required to reduce capacity to 25%, but there will continue to be allowances for offices with “critical services”, such as public safety, public health, and other critical services. There is no approval required for these exemptions.
- K-12 schools continue to be exempted from these capacity limits and will need to follow DESE standards and guidelines.

Sector	Current Capacity Limit	New Limit
Construction	None	None
Drive-In Movie Theaters	None	None
Laboratories	None	None
Manufacturing	None	None
Restaurants	None	25% of seating capacity
Close Contact Personal Services	None	25%
Indoor and Outdoor Events	25 indoor / 50 outdoor	10 indoor / 25 outdoor
Theaters and Performance Venues	Movie theaters – 40%, max 50 ppl Indoor perf venues – Closed Outdoor perf venues – 25%, max 50 ppl	Movie theaters – 25%, max 50 ppl Indoor perf venues – Closed Outdoor perf venues – 25%, max 25 ppl
Office Spaces	40%	25%
Places of Worship	40%	25%
Retail Businesses	40%	25%
Driving and Flight Schools	40%	25%
Golf Facilities	40%	25%
Libraries	40%	25%
Operators of Lodgings	40%	25%
Arcades & Other Indoor & Outdoor Recreation Businesses	40%	25%
Fitness Centers and Health Clubs	40%	25%
Museums / Cultural & Historical Facilities / Guided Tours	40%	25%
Sectors Not Otherwise Addressed	40%	25%

- **Consider Other Winter Holiday Activities**

The safest way to celebrate winter holidays is at home with the people who live with you. Consider winter holiday activities other than gathering with people outside your home to have the safest and healthiest holiday season.

# Celebrating Winter Holidays

Accessible version: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/winter.html#consider-other-activities](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/winter.html#consider-other-activities)



**The safest way to celebrate is at home with people you live with.**

## Host a virtual celebration with friends and family

- Eat a meal together virtually and have people show their main dish, vegetable, or dessert.
- Host a virtual “ugly” holiday sweater contest.

## Gather virtually for a gift exchange or other activity

- Meet virtually to open gifts together.
- Build gingerbread houses, decorate cookies, or make holiday crafts and decorations.



## Decorate for the season

- Decorate or create a winter holiday scene and take family photos at home.
- View community decorations from a safe distance or drive through a local holiday light display.
- Make crafts, cards, or cookies to send or deliver to family, friends, and neighbors in a way that does not involve contact with others, such as mailing or leaving them at the door.



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[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

## Throw a virtual dance party

- If your winter holiday traditions include music and dance, set aside time with loved ones to meet online to celebrate.
- Collaborate with friends and family on a holiday playlist.

## Enjoy the winter weather, if you live somewhere with snow

- Hold a snowman or snow angel contest with neighbors or friends in your community.
- Build a snow fort or other snow structure.



## Volunteer and help others in need

- Reach out to your local community service organizations to get involved and give back. Make sure to ask about their safety precautions in advance.
- Find virtual opportunities to contribute.

## Attend a religious ceremony

- Attending virtual services is the safest way to worship.
- CDC offers considerations to help communities of faith decide how best to practice their beliefs while keeping their staff and congregations safe.

## If your holiday traditions usually involve visiting Santa Claus, check local opportunities and know requirements for visiting safely.

- Schedule a virtual visit to the North Pole.
- Visit Santa Claus outside while wearing mask and staying 6 feet apart.
- If Santa Claus is staying indoors, he will likely be taking safety measures; you may be able to visit him through a plexiglass safety window.

