

COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

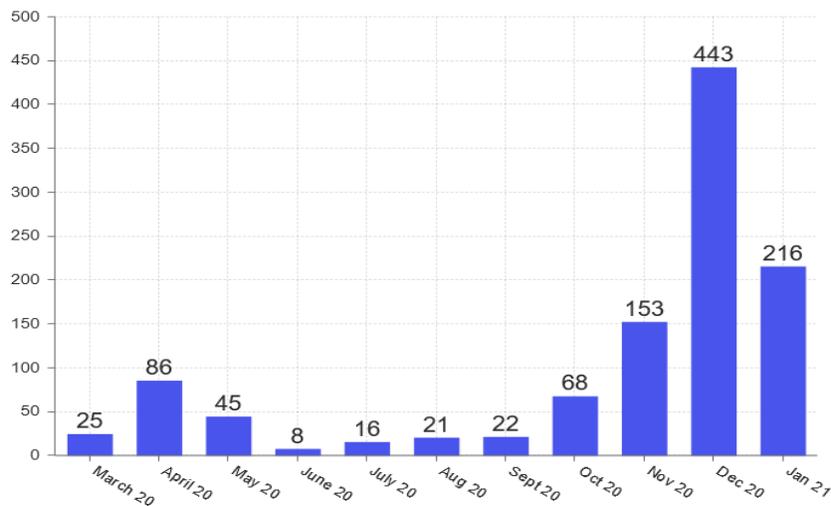
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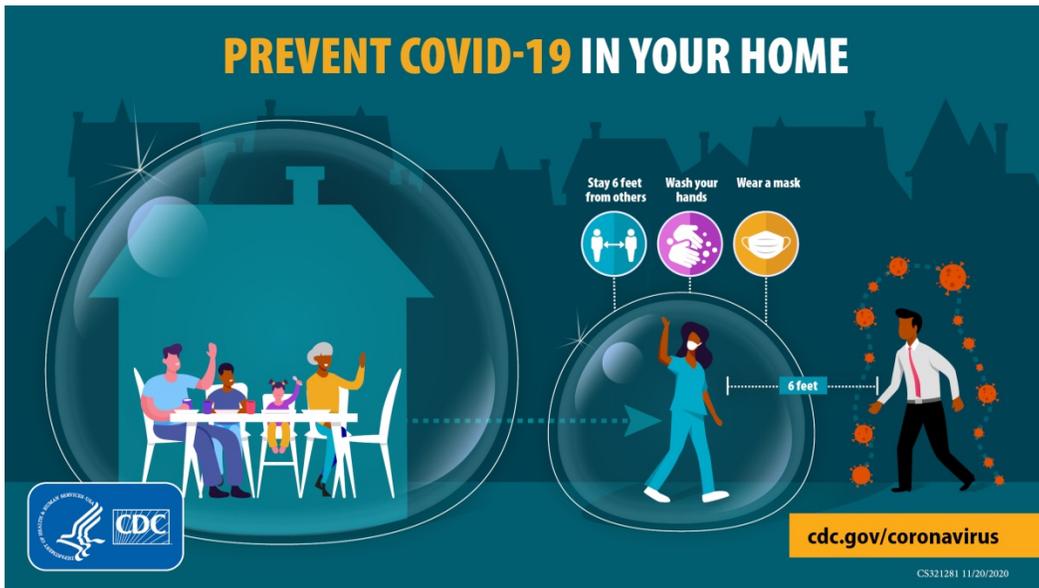
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).

- **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	155	(updated 1/20 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	927	
Total tested positive since beginning:	1103	
Mansfield Community Designation Level	Red	Red-higher risk Yellow- moderate risk Green- lower risk
Covid-19 Related Deaths	21	Last Covid death in Mansfield 12/27/20

Covid-19 Cases Mansfield Monthly





- **[Protect your Home from COVID-19](#)**

COVID-19 can spread anywhere, even places where you feel safe, like your home. If even one person in your [household](#) gets COVID-19, it can spread to others in your home. Learn what you can do to keep COVID-19 outside your home, and if it gets in your home, what you can do to keep it from spreading.

What is a household?

- Anyone who currently lives in and shares common spaces in your housing unit (house or apartment)
- Households can include family members and or people who aren't related to you, like roommates
- People who don't currently live with you (for example, college students who return home from school on breaks) are part of different households

Keep COVID-19 Outside Your Home

When you leave your house for work, to run errands, or for any other reason, you have a chance of being exposed to COVID-19 and bringing it back to your home.

The chances of being exposed increase when you:

- Have close contact with other people (closer than 6 feet)
- Spend more time with other people
- Spend time in crowds (more than 10 people)
- Spend time in indoor spaces, particularly if poorly ventilated

Keep COVID-19 outside your home! When around people who don't live in your home, wear a mask, wash your hands, and stay at least 6 feet apart to protect yourself and prevent bringing COVID-19 into your home.

Wear a Mask

- [Wash your hands](#) before putting on your mask.
- [Wear your mask](#) over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Fit your mask snugly against the sides of your face.
- Make sure you can breathe easily.
- When you [take off your mask](#), handle it only by the ear loops or ties.
- [Store your used mask](#) safely to keep it clean between uses.
- Wash your cloth mask regularly, preferably in a washing machine.

Learn more about [how to wear a mask](#) and [how to store and wash masks](#).

Stay at least 6 Feet Apart and Avoid Crowds

- [Stay at least 6 feet \(about 2 arm lengths\) from other people](#). Remember that people can spread the virus even if they don't have symptoms.
- Avoid crowds and indoor spaces as much as possible, particularly ones that aren't well ventilated
 - The more people you are in contact with, the more likely you are to be exposed to COVID-19.

Wash Your Hands

- [Wash your hands](#) often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water aren't available, use a [hand sanitizer](#) that contains at least 60% alcohol.
 - Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth until after you wash your hands.

- **Prevent COVID-19 Inside Your Home**

If your household includes one or more people who are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19 then **all household members should act as if they are more likely to get very sick**. Learn how to [protect yourself and others](#).

If you aren't able to take steps to keep COVID-19 outside your home, then stop it from spreading inside your home, especially if you have someone at home who [is more likely to get very sick](#) from COVID-19. Take these steps to protect people in your household.

- Wear a mask in shared spaces around others
 - If you or others in your household are in close contact (within 6 feet) of other people who don't live in your household and if you have household members who are [more likely to get very sick from COVID-19](#) (older adults, people with specific medical conditions or who have to take extra precautions), consider wearing masks in shared spaces around others in your home.
- Stay at least 6 feet apart

- In shared spaces, stay about 2 arm lengths apart. Remember that people can spread the virus even if they don't have symptoms.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
 - Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available
- Monitor your health daily
 - Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or [other symptoms](#) of COVID-19.
- Clean and disinfect [high-touch](#) surfaces in shared spaces
- Avoid sharing personal household items
- Do not share items such as dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, or towels with other people in your home.
- Wash these items thoroughly after using them.

If Someone Gets Sick

- Separate the person who is sick from other people in your home, if possible.
- People in the household should stay separated from the person who is sick. If they must be around the person who is sick, they should wear a mask.
- The person who is sick should
 - Stay in a separate room and away from other people and pets
 - Use a separate bathroom
 - Wear a mask around others
- Be sure the person who is sick
 - Covers their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
 - Throws away used tissues in a lined trashcan. [Washes their hands](#) often.
 - Does not prepare, serve, or assist in preparing or serving, food to others.
- For more information on what to do if someone is sick in your home, see [Caring for Someone Sick at Home](#).

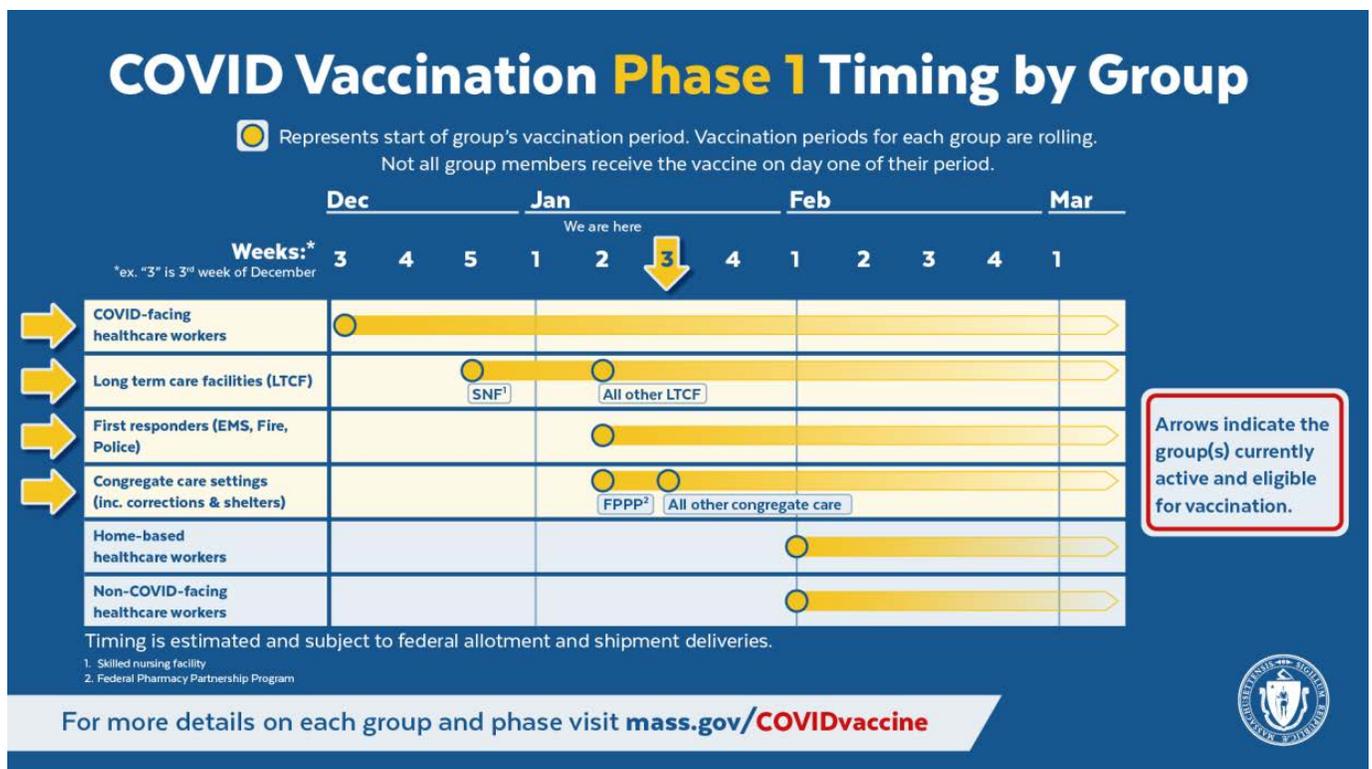
- **Eviction Diversion Initiative**

The Department of Housing and Community Development wishes to share some important updates to the Governor's [Eviction Diversion Initiative](#) and ask that you share widely with your colleagues in community development and affordable housing. In the last six weeks, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has made several important changes to the program, including:

- Creating an application process for landlords, who own up to 20 units in Massachusetts, to apply directly for RAFT/ERMA on behalf of tenants. [More information here](#).
- DHCD has increased the maximum benefit for all RAFT/ERMA eligible households to \$10,000.
- DHCD removed all sustainability requirements, including the recent rule that a landlord had to commit to preserving tenancy for 6 months to access more than \$4,000 in RAFT.

- **NEW** free legal services are available to eligible tenants **and** low-income landlords in owner-occupied 2-3 family homes through the Covid Eviction Legal Help Program (CELHP). [More information available here.](#)
- **NEW** free community mediation services for eligible tenants and landlords who need help in reaching agreements that work for both of them. [More information available here.](#)
- We encourage you to share this information widely. For questions, please contact Ryan Ambrose at ryan.ambrose@mass.gov.
- **Current Status of Vaccination Priority Groups**

Phase 1, Priority Groups 1-4



- **COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Timeline: Phase Overview**

Listed in order of priority:

- **Phase 1 (December 2020 – February 2021)** Click [here](#) for an overview of Phase 1 and more specific details of the categories.
 - Clinical and non-clinical healthcare workers doing direct and COVID-facing care
 - Long term care facilities, rest homes and assisted living facilities

- First responders (EMS, Fire, Police)
- Congregate care settings (including corrections and shelters)
- Home-based healthcare workers
- Healthcare workers doing non-COVID-facing care

Individuals who do not come into contact with patients (e.g., back office, remote work, administrative staff who do not come into contact with patients, laboratory researchers who do not come into contact with patients) **are not prioritized in Phase 1** and should be prioritized in Phase 2 or Phase 3 depending on each individual's age, comorbidity status, or other worker category.

➤ **Phase 2 (February - March 2021)** Click [here](#) for an overview of Phase 2 and more specific details of the categories.

- Individuals with 2+ comorbidities (high risk for COVID-19 complications), individuals age 75+, and residents and staff of public and private low income and affordable senior housing
- Early education and K-12 workers, transit, grocery, utility, food and agriculture, sanitation, public works and public health workers
- Adults 65+
- Individuals with one comorbidity

➤ **Phase 3 (Starting April 2021)** Click [here](#) for an overview of Phase 3 and more specific details of the categories.

- Vaccine available to general public

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions](#)

