

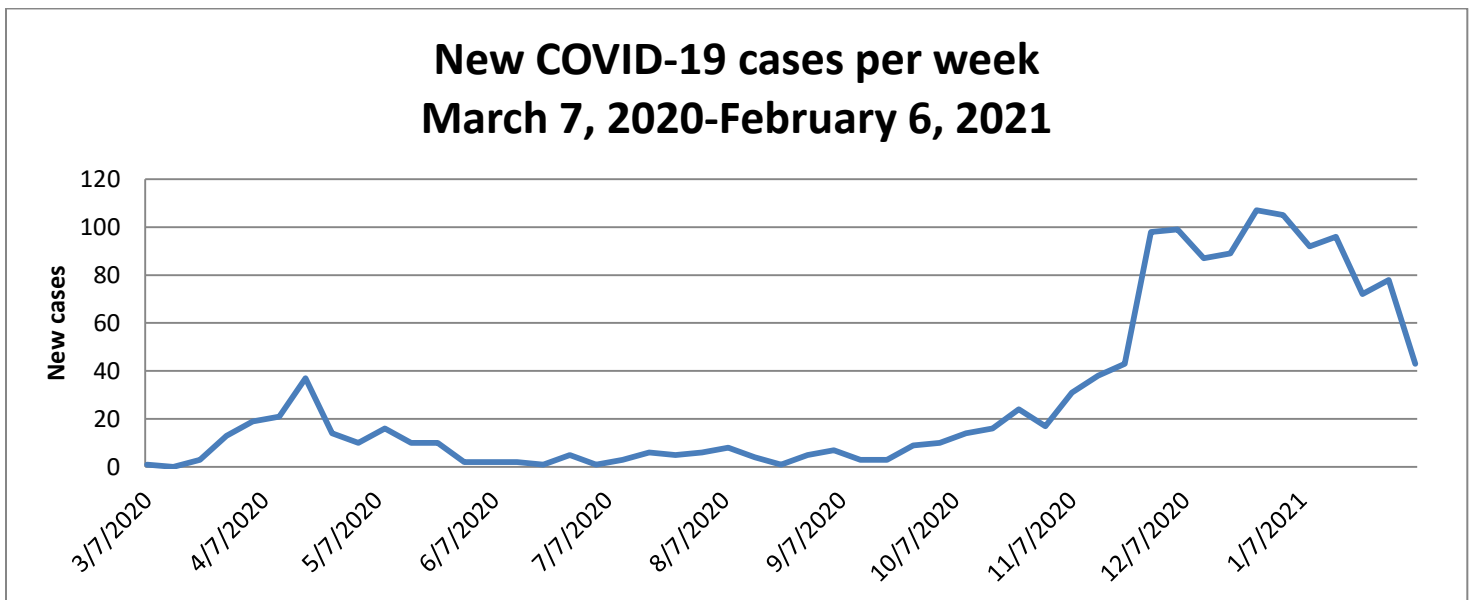
## COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

**February 8, 2021:**

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](#).

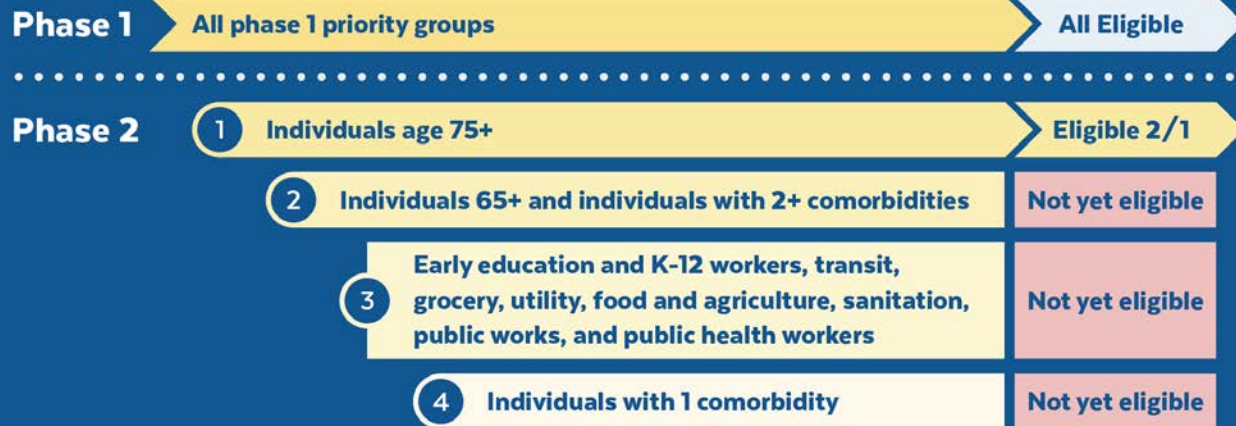
- **As of today, please see the below chart that represents our communities COVID-19 relates cases:**

<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#	
<b>Positive COVID-19 under isolation</b>	<b>95</b>	(updated 2/08 08:00)
<b>Positive Cases recovered</b>	<b>1200</b>	
<b>Total tested positive since beginning:</b>	<b>1317</b>	
<b>Mansfield Community Designation Level</b>	<b>Red</b>	Red-higher risk Yellow- moderate risk Green- lower risk
<b>Covid-19 Related Deaths</b>	<b>22</b>	Last Covid death in Mansfield 01/15/21

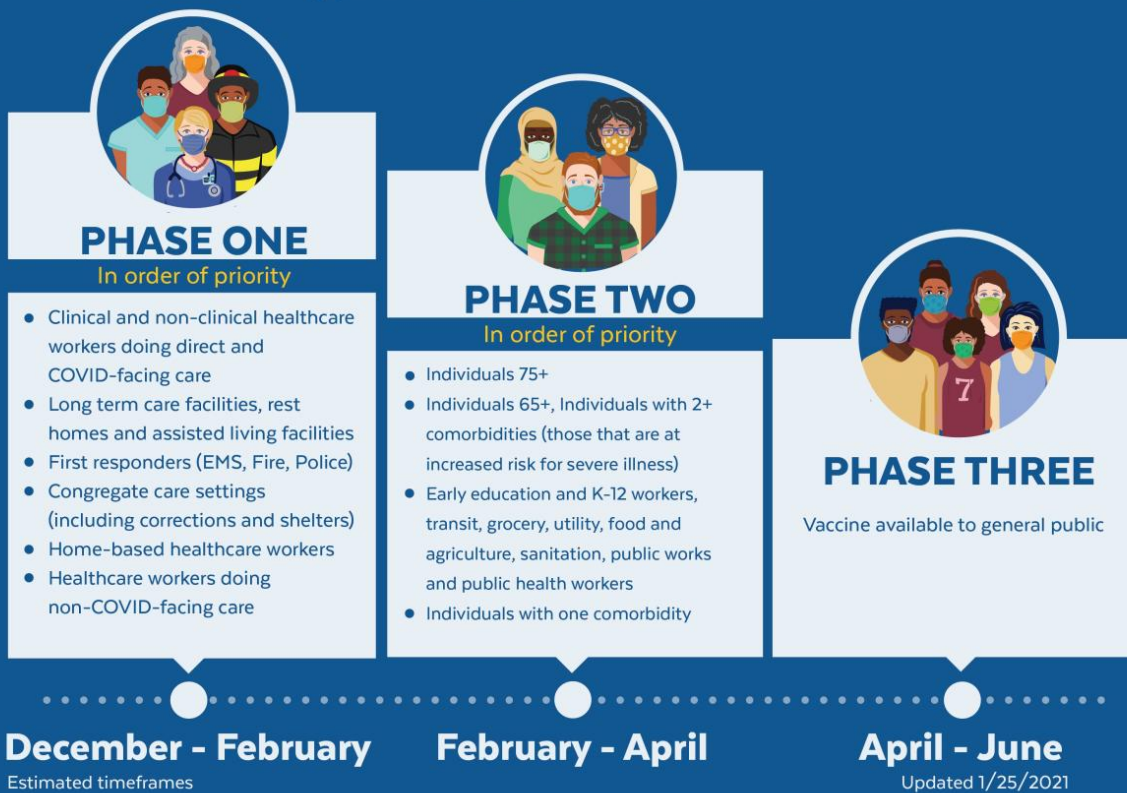


- **Current Status of Vaccination Priority Groups**

## COVID-19 Vaccination in MA: Phase 1 & 2 Eligibility Status



## When can I get a COVID-19 vaccine in MA?



- **Everyone in Phase 1 & individuals 75+ can get the COVID-19 vaccine**

Massachusetts has started to vaccinate against COVID-19. We continue to expand eligibility to more groups of people, **but vaccine supply is severely limited**. At this [website](#), you will find tools to help determine when you are eligible, how to find a vaccination location, and how to prepare for your appointment.

Council on Aging staff is available to assist any vaccine-eligible seniors who need help navigating the scheduling process. Please call 508-261-7368.

### **Massachusetts Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line**

The Governor's Administration has established a new call center to help residents 75 and older more easily schedule an appointment if they do not have internet or are unable to use the website at [www.mass.gov/COVIDVaccine](http://www.mass.gov/COVIDVaccine). The COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line is a dedicated telephone line available to residents 75 and older. The call center will be staffed with over 500 representatives who can provide live phone support to assist residents with booking an appointment. The line will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Live call center workers will be available in English and Spanish, and 100 additional languages will be available through translators. **Call center workers will have the same access to appointments that users will see on the public website.**

The line can be accessed by dialing 2-1-1 and selecting the prompt for "Help Scheduling a Vaccine Appointment." Residents may have to wait on the line given expected high call volume. Once connected with a representative, the caller will be asked to confirm he/she is 75 or older and either has no internet access or otherwise cannot use the website to book an appointment. Call-takers will then use the state's COVID-19 vaccine site map to find nearby locations and determine whether appointments are available. If no appointments are available within a distance the caller can travel, then callers will be offered the chance to be placed on a call-back list for the mass vaccination sites. Residents will receive a call-back as appointments become available at these sites. Due to high demand and limited supply, callers may experience significant wait times. The Administration will monitor wait times and make necessary adjustments.

This resource line is not to answer general questions about COVID-19 or provide individual health care advice. **The quickest and easiest way to schedule a vaccine appointment or check availability is to use the online system at [mass.gov/covidvaccine](http://mass.gov/covidvaccine).**

At this point, the Town does not have any vaccine for public distribution. Please go to the [COVID webpage](#) for vaccine information and updates.

- **Vaccine Information for the general public**

It will take time to get everyone vaccinated.

Before you are vaccinated, between doses, and even after you are fully vaccinated, we must continue [stop the spread of COVID-19](#). Wear a mask, wash your hands, avoid groups, and keep your distance.

- **Preparing for your COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment**

The first step to getting vaccinated is confirming you are in an eligible group. Once you confirm eligibility, you can book your appointment. To check who is eligible and to schedule appointments visit [mass.gov/covidvaccine](https://mass.gov/covidvaccine)

#### **What to know before you go**

- The vaccine is free to all individuals.
- You must make an appointment to get a vaccine.
- The vaccine requires two doses. You should make sure you have a second appointment scheduled from the same site, or know how to schedule it, before leaving your first appointment.
- You can get a vaccine even if you do not have insurance, a driver's license, or a Social Security number.
- You must confirm you are eligible for your phase. Learn how below.

#### **What you need for your appointment**

##### *Confirm your eligibility*

To get vaccinated in Phase 1 or 2, you will need to confirm that you are part of a currently eligible group within those phases. This is called "attesting." You might attest online or over the phone when booking. If you are not asked when booking, you will use a form. Locations should have an attestation form, however, you can fill out the state's form and bring it with you to your appointment to be prepared. Get the form at [mass.gov/covidvaccineguide](https://mass.gov/covidvaccineguide)

##### *Additional documents*

Your vaccination location may list the below items as necessary, however, that only applies to people who have them. You can still receive the COVID-19 vaccine without insurance or an ID.

- An ID with your name, if you have one, to verify your name in the vaccination system.
- Health insurance card, if you have one. Your insurance will be billed at no cost to you.

If you are going to a "local vaccination location" (yellow stars on map), those are for workers or residents of select cities and towns. They will include what you need to bring in their "special instructions" when scheduling your appointment.

*Keep others safe*

It will take time to get the COVID-19 vaccine rolled out and get everyone vaccinated. Before, between doses, and when you are fully vaccinated, continue to use all tools available to stop the spread.

- **Frequently Asked Questions after getting the COVID-19 vaccine flyer**

**Are there any side effects to the vaccine(s)?**

- Pain, redness, swelling and/or tenderness at shot area
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle and/or joint pain
- Chills
- Nausea and vomiting
- Fever

*Some people experience side effects only after the second dose rather than the first*

**What should I do if I experience side effects?**

- Apply a clean, cool, wet washcloth over the shot area, and use or exercise your arm.
- Drink plenty of fluids and dress lightly to reduce fever discomfort.
- Contact your doctor or healthcare provider if the redness or tenderness at the shot area increases after 24 hours, other side effects do not go away after a few days, or you are worried.

**When does the vaccine start working?**

It typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity, so it's possible a person could be infected with COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and get sick.

**How effective is one dose compared to two?**

You need two doses to be fully vaccinated. Between doses and after your second dose, continue to wear a mask, wash your hands, keep your distance and avoid groups.

**How long does protection from the vaccines last?**

We do not have data yet to say for how long the vaccine will provide protection.

**Do I have to follow the travel order, wear a mask, and avoid groups still after I get it?**

Yes. It's important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to stop the spread. Even after two doses, you should continue to follow all state guidance as we learn the vaccines' impact in real-life conditions.

[COVID-19 Vaccine in Massachusetts](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccination Locations](#)

[When can I get the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

[COVID-19 frequently asked questions](#)

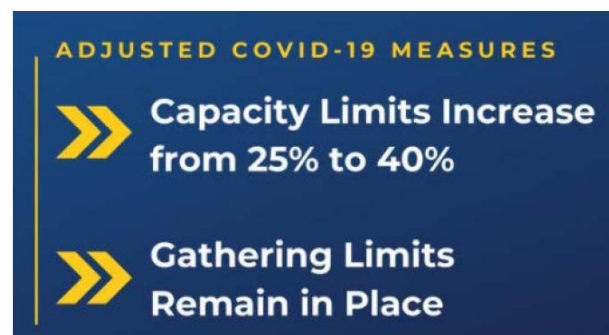
[How to prepare for your COVID-19 vaccine appointment](#)

- **Update to temporary occupancy restrictions for specific sectors**

Effective Monday, February 8th at 5:00 AM, those businesses and other sectors in Massachusetts currently limited to 25% capacity following an across the board capacity reduction on December 26, 2020 will be permitted to increase to a 40% capacity limit.

Businesses and activities affected by the adjustment include:

- Arcades and Recreational Businesses
- Driving and Flight Schools
- Gyms/Health Clubs
- Libraries
- Museums
- Retail
- Offices
- Places of Worship
- Lodging (common areas)
- Golf (indoor areas)
- Movie Theaters (no more than 50 people per theater)



In addition, restaurants and close contact personal services will now be allowed to operate at a 40% capacity limit, which reflects an increase from the 25% limit imposed in December. As under the current 25% limit, workers and staff will not count towards the occupancy count for restaurants and close contact personal services. The Commonwealth remains in Phase 3, Step 1 of the Baker-Polito Administration's reopening plan. Phase 3, Step 2 businesses, including indoor performance venues and indoor recreation businesses like roller rinks and trampoline parks, remain closed.

**GATHERING LIMITS** The current gathering limits, in place since December 26, are being extended. Indoor gatherings and events will remain limited to 10 people. Outdoor gatherings and events will remain limited to 25 people. The gathering limits apply equally to private homes, event venues, and other public spaces.

Click [here](#) to read the read the updated gatherings order.



# Gatherings at Event Venues and in Public Settings



In accordance with Executive Order #62  
effective January 25, 2021:

## Occupancy limits for event venues or in public spaces

Indoors	No more than 10
Outdoors	Not more than 25

- **Face coverings are required at all public gatherings**
- **Social distancing of at least 6 ft between attendees**

**Failure to comply with this order may result in a civil fine of up to \$500 per violation.**

For details and more information visit [mass.gov/gatherings](https://mass.gov/gatherings)

