

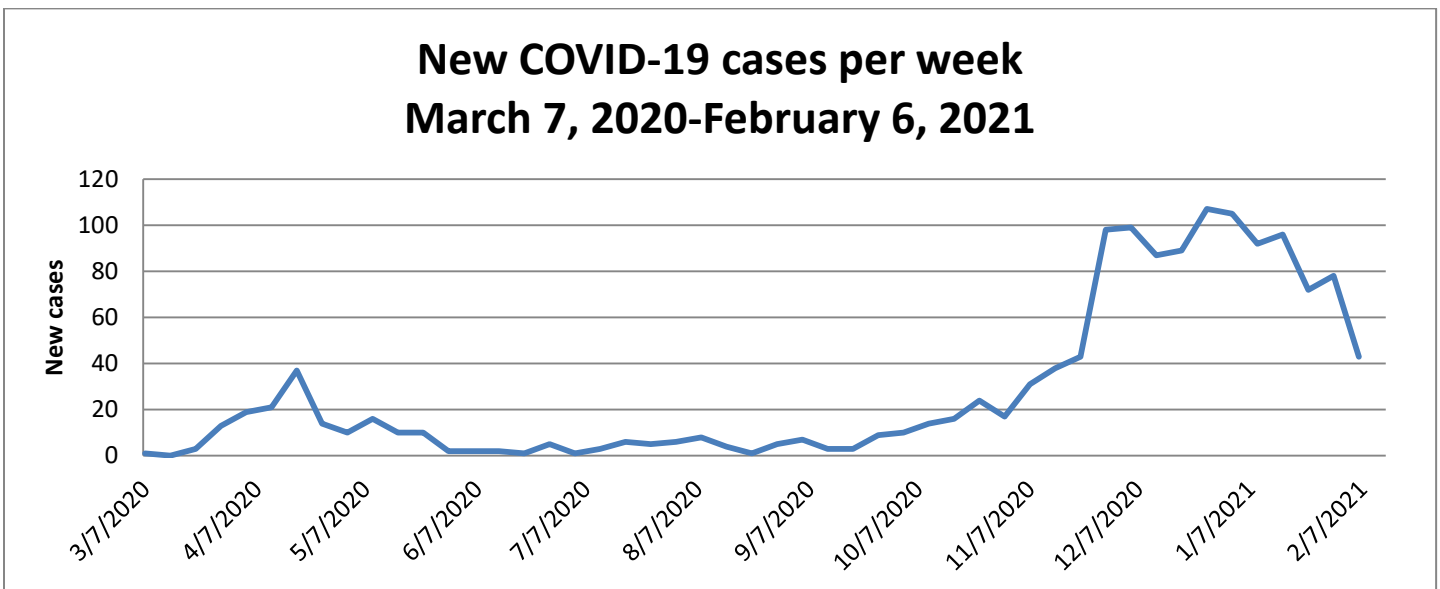
COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

February 11, 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>	#	
Positive COVID-19 under isolation	68	(updated 2/11 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	1258	
Total tested positive since beginning:	1348	
Mansfield Community Designation Level	Red	Red-higher risk Yellow- moderate risk Green- lower risk
Covid-19 Related Deaths	22	Last Covid death in Mansfield 01/15/21



- [Mask Up MA!](#)

There are many things that you can do to help protect yourself and others from becoming infected with COVID-19. People who show no symptoms of illness may still be able to spread COVID-19. A face covering may help prevent you from spreading COVID-19 to other people.

It is important that you wear these face coverings or masks in all public spaces (for example, in a pharmacy or grocery store) and also in any additional situations where it is difficult to maintain a social distance of six feet from others.

When you wear a cloth mask, it should:

- Cover your nose and mouth,
- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face,
- Be secured with ties or ear loops,
- Include multiple layers of fabric,
- Allow for breathing without restriction, and
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.

When putting on and taking off a mask, do not touch the front of it, you should only handle the ties or ear straps, and make sure you wash the cloth mask regularly. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after touching the mask.

Cloth masks should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

Basic instructions on [How to Use Face Coverings Effectively](#) are available in multiple languages on [COVID-19 Printable Fact Sheets](#).

Wearing a mask that fits tightly to your face can help limit spread of the virus that causes COVID-19

In lab tests with dummies, exposure to potentially infectious aerosols decreased by **about 95%** when they both wore tightly fitted masks

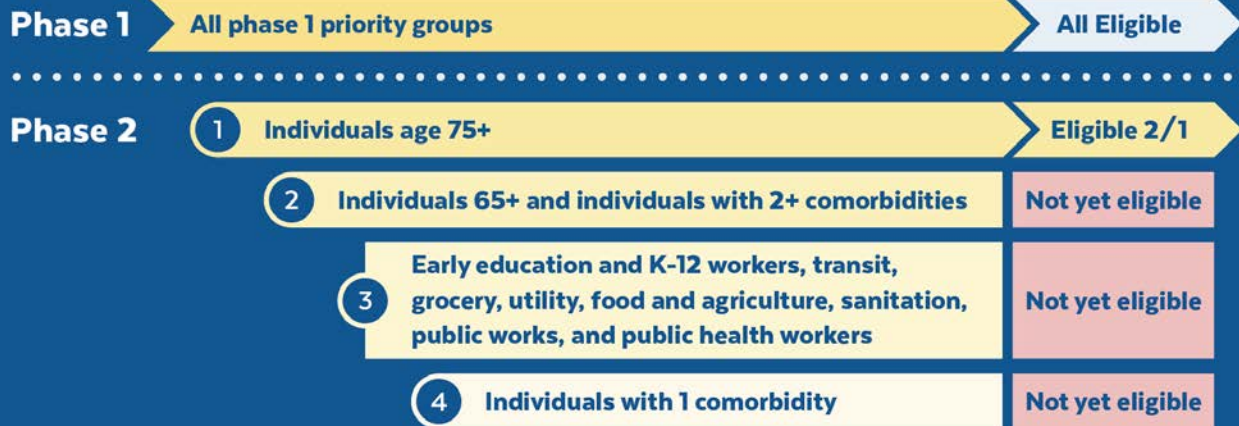
Other effective options to improve fit include:

- Cloth mask over medical procedure mask
- Medical procedure mask with knotted ear loops and tucked-in sides
- Mask fitter
- Nylon covering over mask

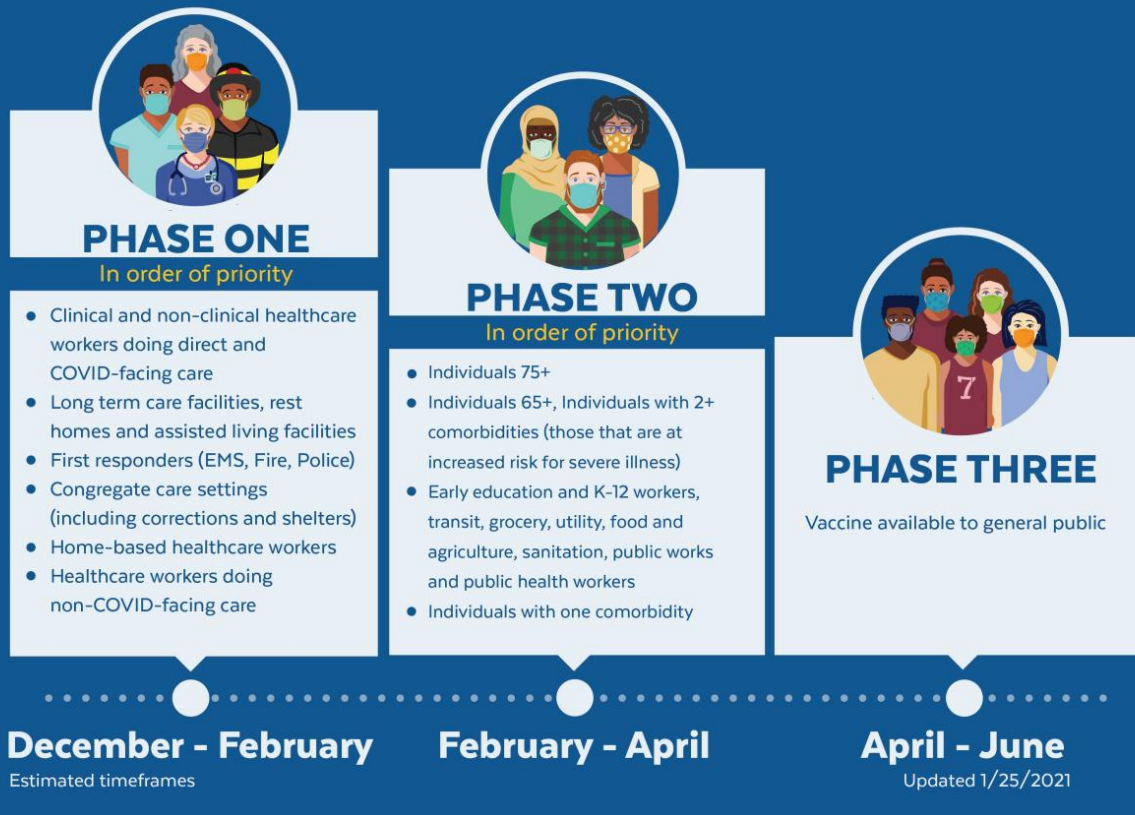
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- **Current Status of Vaccination Priority Groups**

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. 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.**

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

- **Massachusetts Caregiver/Companion COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility**

Effective Thursday, February 11th, an individual who accompanies a person age 75 or older to one of four mass vaccination sites to receive the vaccine will be eligible to receive the vaccine too, if they have an appointment booked. **Both the companion and the individual age 75 or older must have an appointment for the same day and both individuals must be present. Only one companion is permitted. The companion must attest that they are accompanying the individual to the appointment.**

Companions may begin booking appointments the morning of February 11th.

- **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.

[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](#)

- **Updated Youth and Adult Amateur Sports Guidance**

New guidance for youth and adult amateur sports was issued this week and can be found [here](#).

