

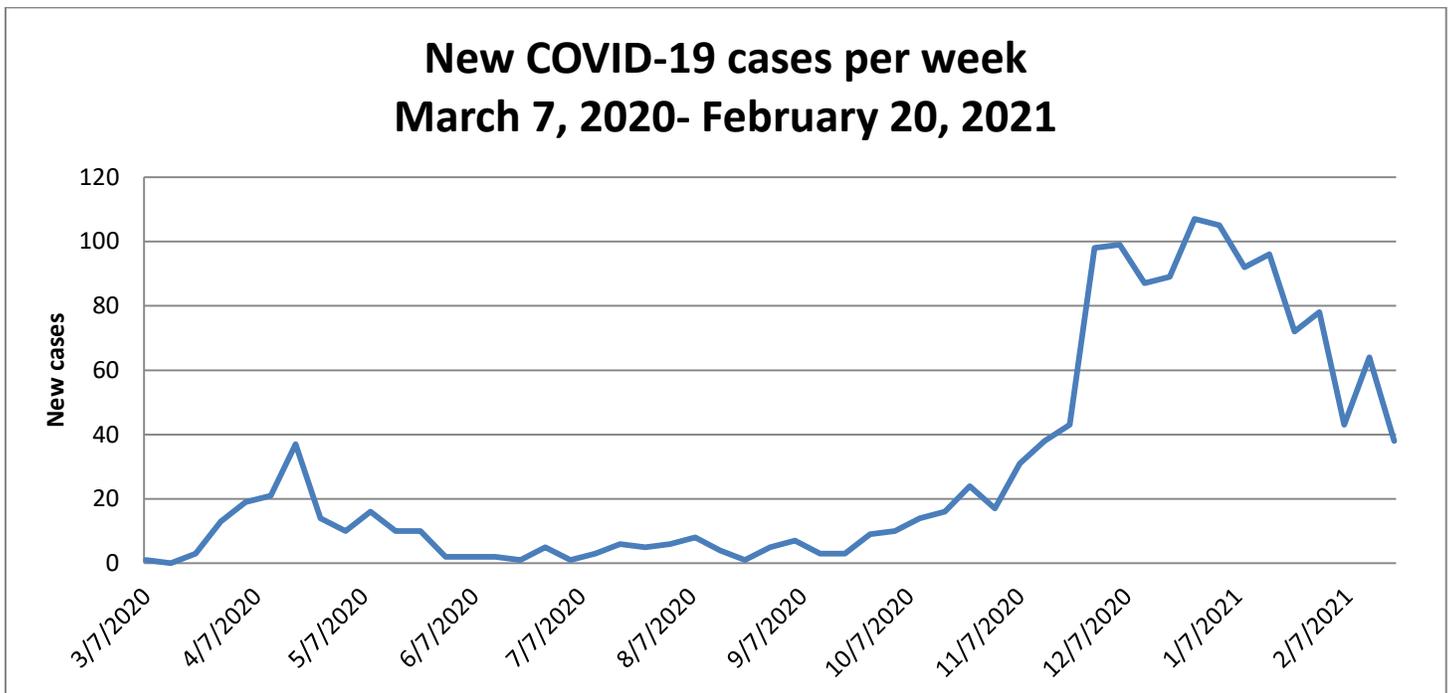
COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

February 22, 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 | 49 | (updated 2/22 08:00) |
| Positive Cases recovered | 1357 | |
| Total tested positive since beginning: | 1428 | |
| Mansfield Community Designation Level | Yellow | Red-higher risk Yellow- moderate risk Green- lower risk |
| Covid-19 Related Deaths | 22 | Last Covid death in Mansfield 01/15/21 |



- [Use Masks to Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#)

CDC recommends that people wear masks in public settings, at events and gatherings, and anywhere they will be around other people. Effective February 2, 2021, [masks are required](#) on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.

[Improve How Your Mask Protects You](#)

When choosing a mask, look at how well it fits, how well it filters the air, and how many layers it has. Make sure your mask fits snugly against your face. Gaps can let air with respiratory droplets leak in and out around the edges of the mask. Pick a mask with layers to keep your respiratory droplets in and others' out. A mask with layers will stop more respiratory droplets getting inside your mask or escaping from your mask if you are sick.

[Types of Masks](#)

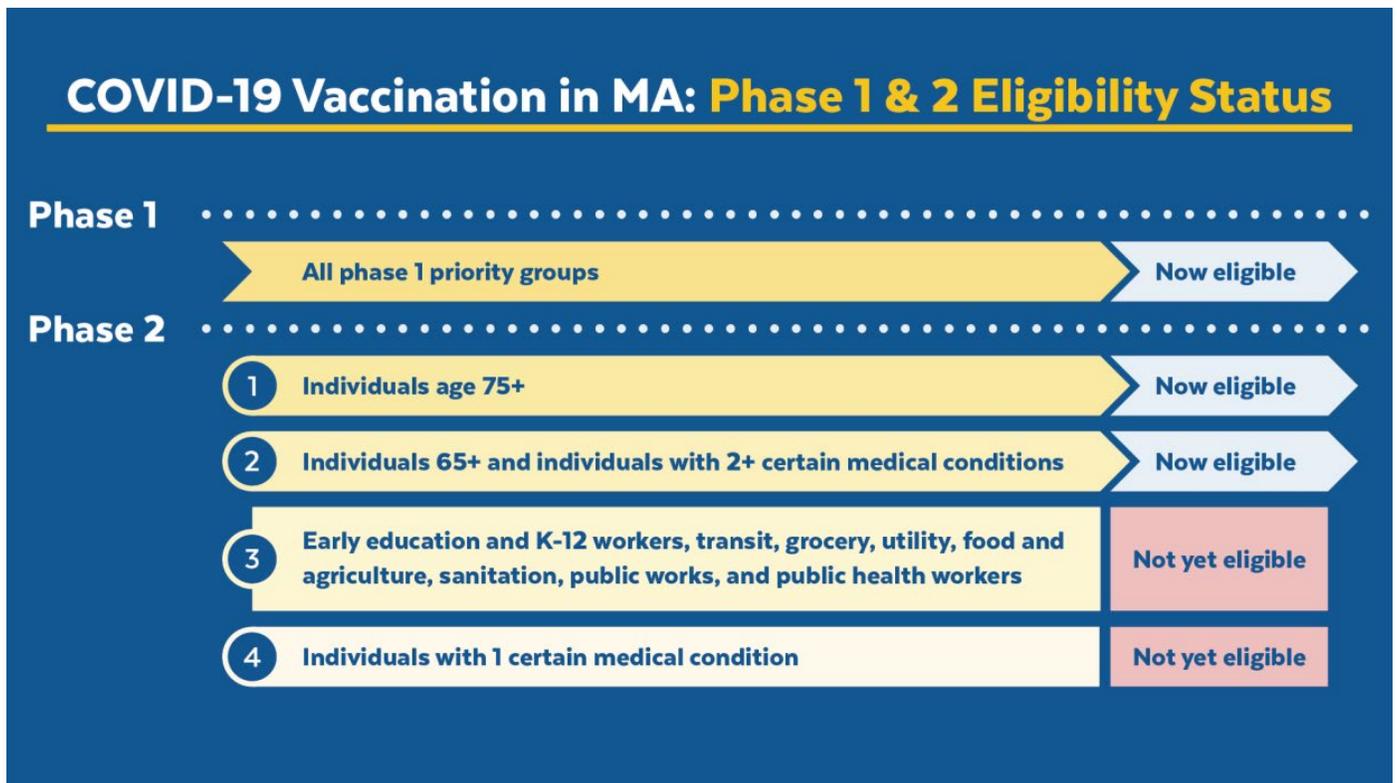
There are many types of masks you can use to protect yourself and others from getting and spreading COVID-19. Cloth masks can be made from a variety of fabrics, and many types of cloth masks are available. Do not wear cloth masks with exhalation valves or vents, single layer or masks made of thin fabric that don't block light. Disposable face masks are widely available. Do not wear disposable masks with gaps around the sides of the face or nose, or if wet or dirty.

[Your Guide to Masks](#)

Wear a mask correctly and consistently for the best protection. Be sure to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before putting on a mask and do not touch the mask when wearing it. If you have to often touch/adjust your mask, it doesn't fit you properly, and you may need to find a different mask or make adjustments.



- **Current Status of Vaccination Priority Groups**



Phase 2 (February-March 2021)

Listed in order of priority:

- **Group 1:** [Individuals age 75+](#)
- **Group 2:** [Individuals age 65+](#), [individuals with 2+ certain medical conditions](#), and/or [residents and staff of low income and affordable senior housing](#).
- **Not yet eligible: Group 3:** Other workers, including Early Education and K-12 workers, transit, utility, food and agriculture, sanitation, public works and public health workers.
- **Not yet eligible: Group 4:** Individuals with one [certain medical condition](#)

More details on all the COVID-19 vaccination phases can be found [here](#).

- **Steps to get your vaccination**

Step 1: Check your eligibility below or [use our tool](#)

Step 2: [Book an appointment](#)

Step 3: [Prepare for your appointment](#)

- **MA Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line**

The [Massachusetts Vaccine Scheduling Resource](#) Line is available to support people 75 and older to schedule a COVID-19 appointment if they are unable to use or have difficulty accessing the internet.

The call center hours of operation:

- **Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

For assistance scheduling, dial 2-1-1 and follow the prompts for vaccine appointments. The Massachusetts Scheduling Resource Line is available in English and Spanish and has translators available to support residents in approximately 100 additional languages.

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.**

[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](#)

- **Vaccine Hesitance Survey**

The Academic Public Health Volunteer Corps has developed a survey designed to assess the Massachusetts general public's feelings towards the COVID-19 vaccine and what underlying factors are associated with these feelings especially now as the vaccine is becoming available to the public. Its purpose is to assess attitudes of vaccination and degree of vaccine hesitancy among people in Massachusetts. Results will be used to understand communication needs and inform vaccine confidence messaging going forward. We are very much interested in hearing from our academic partners as this is a unique opportunity to learn more about vaccine attitudes in a population of public health students and professionals. Please take a few minutes to complete [this survey](#), share it through your academic outlets, colleagues, friends, family, and acquaintances. The more people take [the survey](#) the better.

Requirements: You must be 18 years or older and living in or a resident of Massachusetts

Time to complete: 10-15 minutes

Data collection: completely anonymous

Link to the Survey: <https://redcap.link/MAvaccinesurvey>



QR Code to access the survey:



- **Find a COVID-19 Test**

Testing for COVID-19 is widely available in Massachusetts. Find a site near you. To learn more about testing for COVID-19 in Massachusetts, please visit mass.gov/GetTested.

- **MassSupport**

MassSupport is the Massachusetts Crisis Counseling Program funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and managed in partnership between the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health and Riverside Trauma Center, a program of Riverside Community Care.

Contact MassSupport by phone at **888-215-4920** or by email at MassSupport@riversidecc.org

- **Red Cross Virtual Family Assistance Center**

In order to provide support to families and communities who have suffered loss as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the American Red Cross has developed a Virtual Family Assistance Center (VFAC), staffed by a team of specially trained mental health, spiritual care, and health services volunteers who are:

- Connecting with families over the phone to offer condolences, emotional and spiritual support, and access to available resources
- Providing support for virtual memorial services for families, including connecting with local faith-based community partners
- Hosting online classes to foster resilience and facilitate coping skills
- Assisting families with access to national, state, or local resources such as grief counseling, legal resources, funeral information, financial information services, or veterans' assistance
- Additional state- and local-specific resources are available.

People can visit: <https://www.redcross.org/virtual-family-assistance-center/ma-family-assistance-center.html> to access this resource with special virtual programs, information, referrals, and services to support families in need. People without internet access can **call toll-free 833-492-0094** for help. All Family Assistance Center support will be provided virtually and is completely confidential and free.