

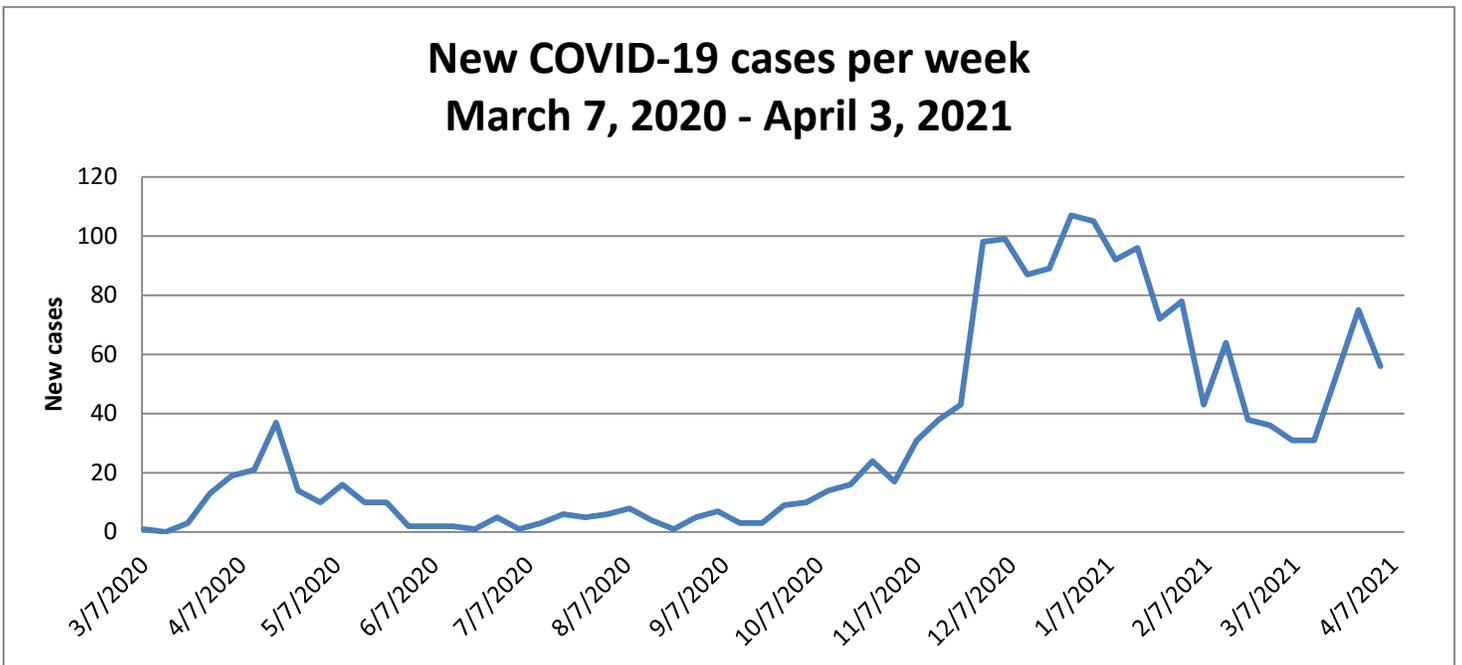
COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

April 7, 2021:

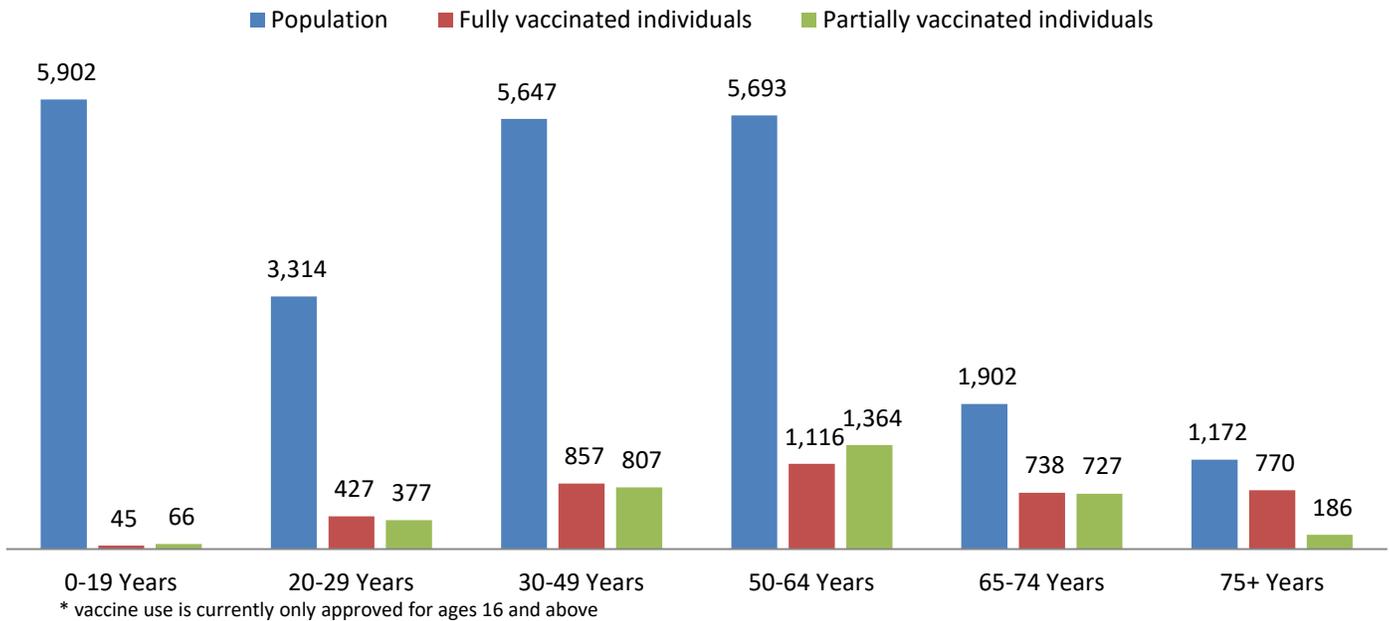
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).

- **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	67	(updated 4/7 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	1642	
Total tested positive since beginning:	1732	
Mansfield Community Designation Level	Red	Red-higher risk Yellow- moderate risk Green- lower risk
Covid-19 Related Deaths	23	Last Covid death in Mansfield 03/01/21



Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield as of April 1, 2021



- [How mRNA Vaccines Work](#)

The mRNA in COVID-19 vaccines has information to teach your body how to fight the virus. The vaccine does not contain live virus, so it can't give you COVID-19. It cannot change your DNA in any way.

The virus that causes COVID-19 has proteins, called "spike proteins," on its surface. When you get an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, the mRNA carries a "message" to your body that tells it how to make spike proteins. Your body's immune system makes antibodies that help fight off the virus, so you don't get sick.

If you are exposed to the real COVID-19 virus after being vaccinated, your body recognizes these proteins and tells your immune system to fight the virus.

Remember, when your body responds to the vaccine, it can sometimes feel like a viral infection. You may have tiredness, headache, muscle pain, chills, fever, or nausea. These are normal signs that your body is building protection.

COVID-19 vaccines are an important tool to stop this pandemic. Learn more about mRNA vaccines and how they help protect you against COVID-19: <https://bit.ly/3qAVLMO>.

How mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines Work

Understanding the virus that causes COVID-19.

Coronaviruses like the one that causes COVID-19 are named for the crown-like spikes on their surface, called **spike proteins**. These **spike proteins** are ideal targets for vaccines.

What is mRNA?

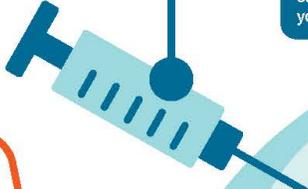
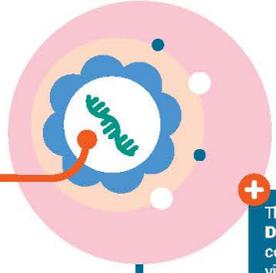
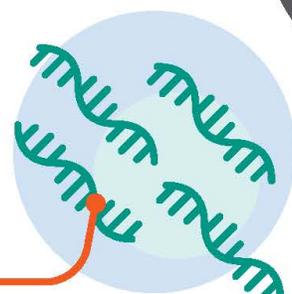
Messenger RNA, or mRNA, is genetic material that tells your body how to make proteins.

What is in the vaccine?

The vaccine is made of mRNA wrapped in a coating that makes delivery easy and keeps the body from damaging it.

How does the vaccine work?

The mRNA in the vaccine teaches your cells how to make copies of the **spike protein**. If you are exposed to the real virus later, your body will recognize it and know how to fight it off.



+ The vaccine **DOES NOT** contain **ANY** virus, so it cannot give you COVID-19.

+ When your body responds to the vaccine, it can sometimes cause a mild fever, headache, or chills. This is completely normal and a sign that the vaccine is working.

+ After the mRNA delivers the instructions, your cells break it down and get rid of it.

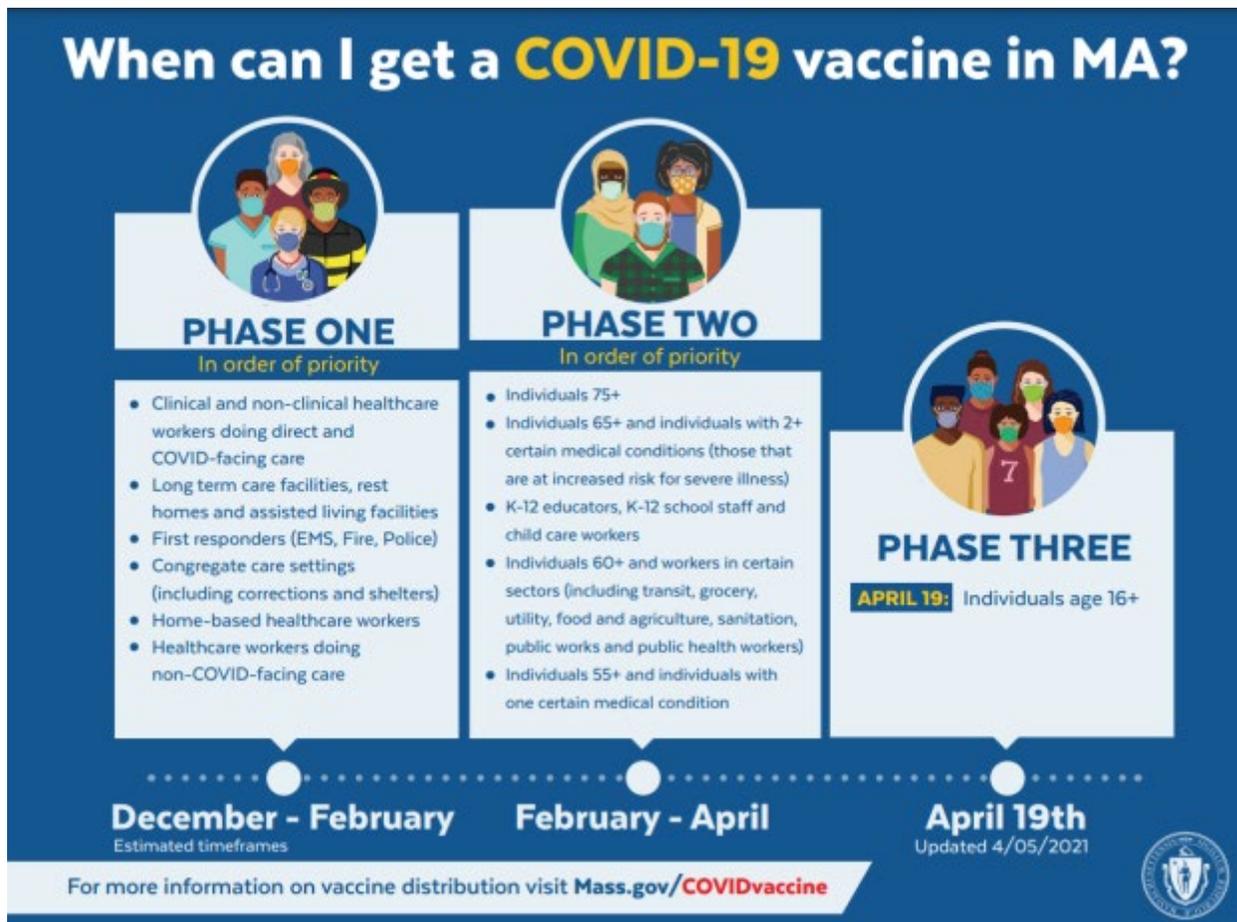
Antibody

Getting vaccinated?

For information about COVID-19 vaccine, visit: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines)



- **Vaccine Eligibility Timeline**



The full timeline is available at mass.gov/COVIDVaccinePhases.

The CDC recently updated its [list of conditions](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html) which can make an individual more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>

- **[Steps to Get Your Vaccination](#)**

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

Step 2: Preregister for a mass vaccination location or find a location and schedule your appointment

There are different ways to find a vaccine appointment:

- Preregister at VaccineSignUp.mass.gov to be notified when it's your turn to schedule an appointment at one of [7 mass vaccination locations](#).

- Use [VaxFinder.mass.gov](https://vaxfinder.mass.gov) to search for appointments at pharmacies, health care providers, and other community locations

Massachusetts receives a limited supply of COVID-19 vaccine doses from the federal government each week. Due to high demand and very limited supply, it may take several weeks to schedule an appointment or to be notified that an appointment is available at mass vaccination locations.

At this point, the Town does not have any vaccine for public distribution.

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

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

Help Massachusetts get back to normal by getting the #covid19 #vaccine

To find out when and where you can get vaccinated visit:
www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine

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