

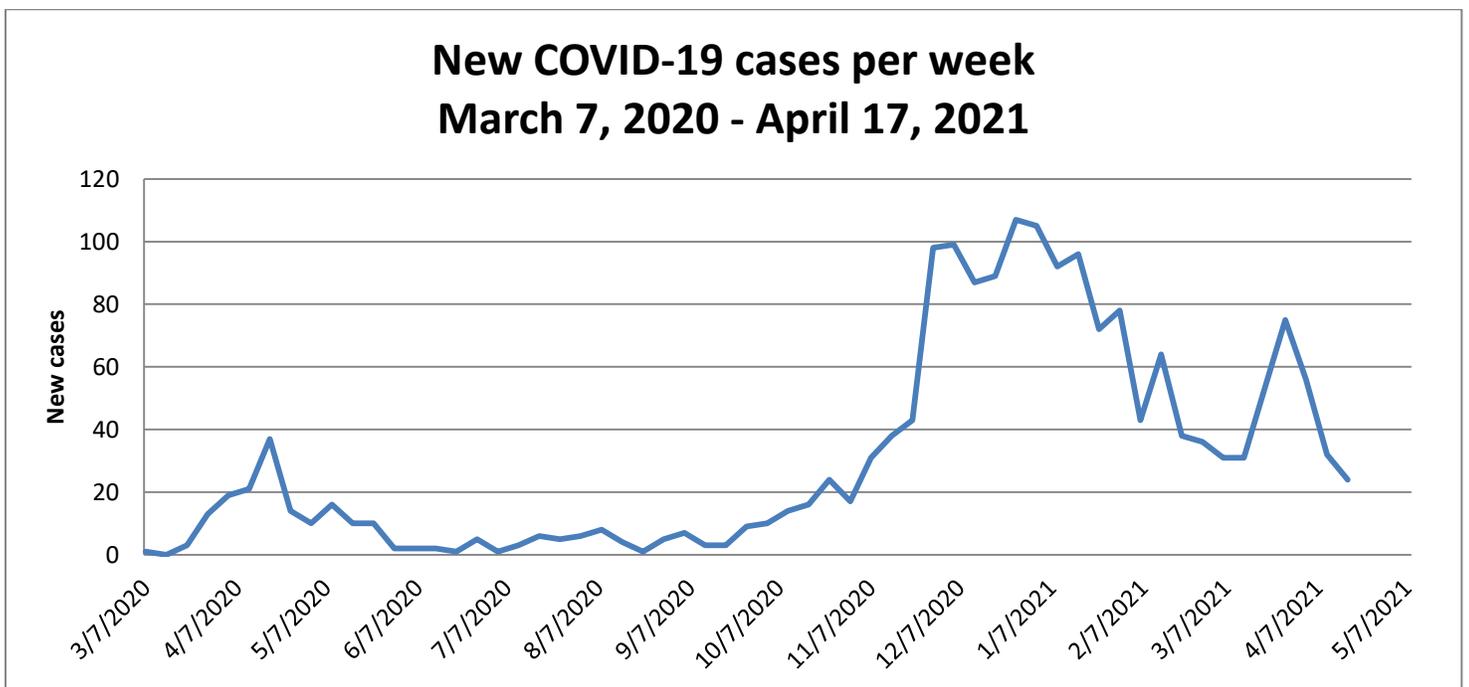
COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

April 21, 2021:

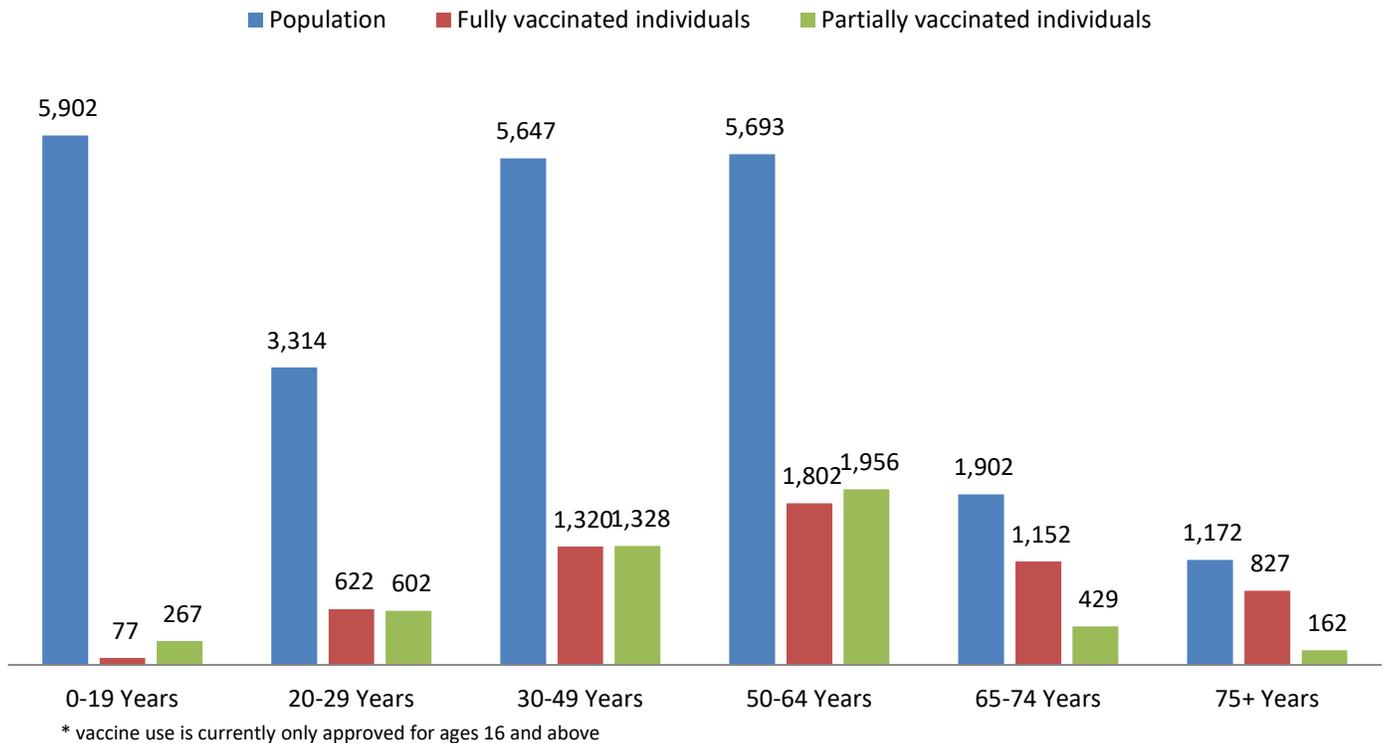
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).

- **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	28	(updated 4/21 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	1743	
Total tested positive since beginning:	1794	
Mansfield Community Designation Level	Yellow	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 15, 2021



- [How to Talk about COVID-19 Vaccines with Friends and Family](#)

We understand that some people may be concerned about getting vaccinated now that COVID-19 vaccines are available in the United States. Although vaccine hesitancy has decreased over the past few months, you can help friends and families understand the importance of vaccination by talking and listening.

Listen to their questions with empathy

COVID-19 vaccines are new, and it's normal for people to have questions about them. The sheer amount of information—and misinformation—about COVID-19 vaccines can be overwhelming to anyone. You can help by listening without judgement and identifying the root of their concerns.

Acknowledge their emotions so they know they have been heard. For example, you can say, "It sounds like you are stressed at work and home, and concerns about the vaccine are another source of stress. That's really tough."



Ask open-ended questions to explore their concerns

Open-ended questions are meant to elicit more than a yes-or-no answer. Asking open-ended questions can help you understand what your friend or family member is worried about, where they learned any troubling information, and what they have done to get answers to their questions. For example, you can ask, “How did watching that news report make you feel? What did you do next?”

Try not to sound judgmental, and ask questions that help you understand their concerns. For example, avoid things like, “That’s a silly concern,” or “Why would you be worried about that?”



Ask permission to share information

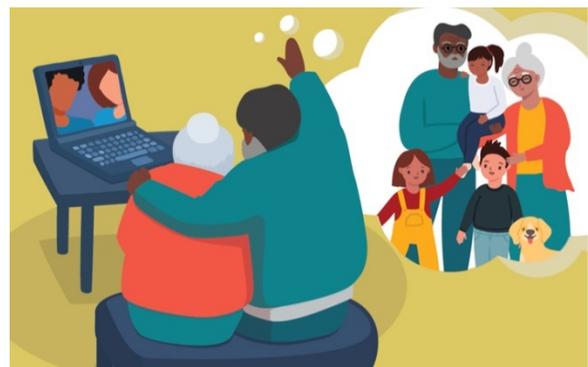
Once you understand your friend or family member’s question or concern, ask if you can

provide some information, and tell them where you get information you trust. If they agree, they will be more willing to listen to you instead of feeling like you’re pushing unwanted information on them. You can find answers to common questions from reputable sources, including CDC.gov, the local health department website, or other trusted sources such as their doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. Sometimes, sharing quick, accurate answers to common concerns your

family or friends might have can go a long way toward moving someone from worry to confidence. If you don’t know the answer to their questions, consider offering to help look for information.

Help them find their own reason to get vaccinated

Everyone who chooses to get vaccinated does it for a reason—to protect their family, to protect their children, to be less anxious, to visit their parents, or to get back to activities like seeing friends, resuming work, or returning to school. After addressing concerns with empathy and facts, you can steer the conversation from “why not” to the important reasons that matter to them—their “why.” You may choose to share your reasons for



getting vaccinated or discuss common goals you may have, like visiting with each other safely. The reasons that someone may choose to get vaccinated will always be those that are most compelling to them personally.

Help make their vaccination happen

Once someone decides on their “why,” help them make a commitment to get vaccinated. Help



make the path to vaccination shorter, easier, and less stressful for them. Offer to help your family member or friend make a vaccination appointment at a location nearby and, if needed, go with them to the appointment. Offer to help with transportation or to babysit if they need childcare. Remember, every person who chooses to get vaccinated brings us all a step closer to moving past the COVID-19 pandemic. As a

trusted messenger to your family and friends, you can play a role in their decision to vaccinate.

- [Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19](#)

People age 16+ who live, work or study in Massachusetts can be vaccinated. Sign up and be notified of appointments near you. Go to [Vaccinesignup.Mass.Gov](https://vaccinesignup.mass.gov).

There are different ways to find a vaccine appointment:

- Preregister at [VaccineSignUp.mass.gov](https://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

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



Should children take the vaccine?



Source: CDC
Created by Tanner Jordan

Currently, the Pfizer vaccine is only for people 16 or older & the Moderna vaccine is for people 18 or older. Younger children should not receive the COVID-19 vaccine at this time.



Trust the Facts. Get the Vax.

<https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>



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