

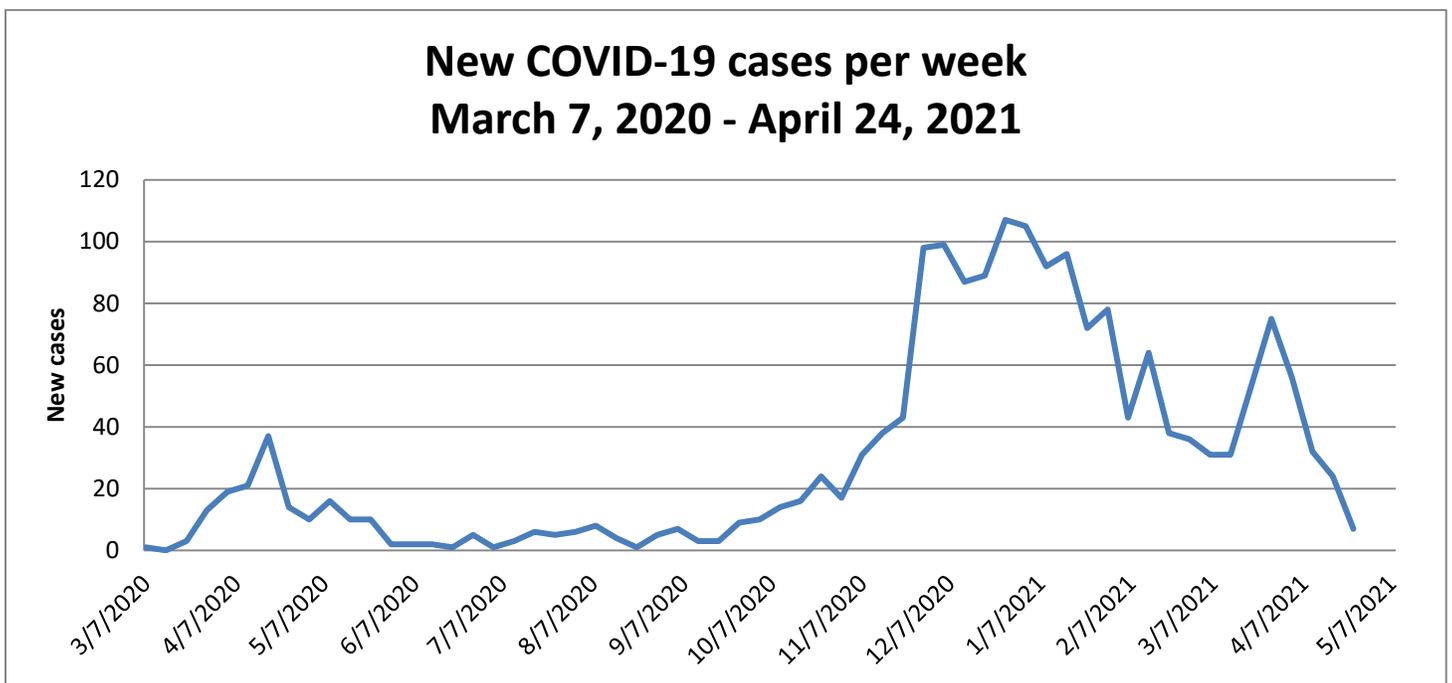
COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

April 29, 2021:

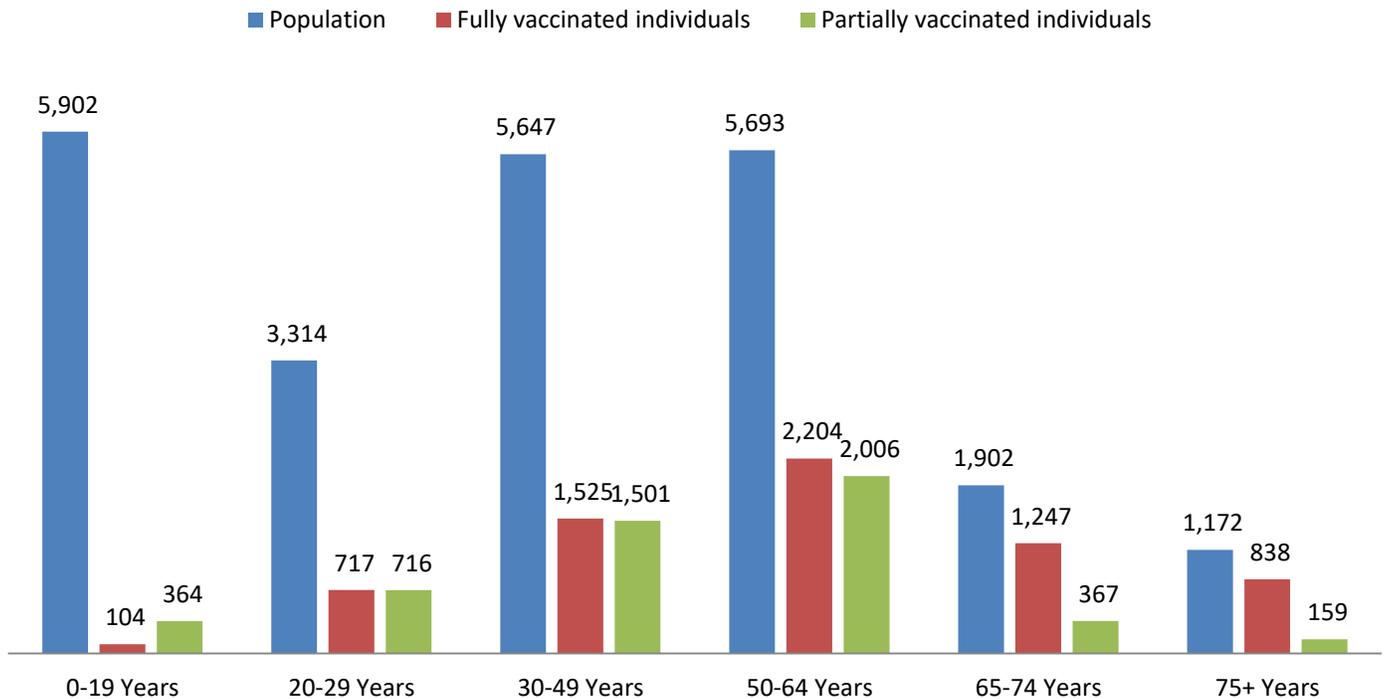
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).

- **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	14	(updated 4/29 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	1770	
Total tested positive since beginning:	1808	
Mansfield Community Designation Level	Yellow	Red-higher risk Yellow- moderate risk Green- lower risk
Covid-19 Related Deaths	24	Last Covid death in Mansfield 04/21/21



Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield as of April 22, 2021



* vaccine use is currently only approved for ages 16 and above

- [Vaccine Effectiveness](#)

A CDC study found mRNA COVID-19 vaccines help keep you from getting COVID-19 under real-world conditions.

Health care and essential workers who were fully vaccinated with an mRNA vaccine were 90% less likely to get COVID-19. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3gILbAP>.

mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective in preventing infections in real-world conditions



Nearly 4,000* health care personnel, first responders, and essential workers were tested weekly for the virus that causes COVID-19



Those who were fully vaccinated¹ were **90% less likely** to get infected

* Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna mRNA vaccines among 3,950 study participants in eight U.S. locations from December 14, 2020, to March 13, 2021. Participants self-collected specimens weekly regardless of symptoms and collected additional specimens if they became sick.
¹ Fully vaccinated = 2 weeks after 2nd dose

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- [Important Information about Reopening Massachusetts](#)

Current State: Phase IV, Step 1

Effective on March 22: Massachusetts advanced to Step 1 of Phase IV of the Commonwealth's reopening plan on Monday, March 22. This opened a range of previously closed business sectors under tight capacity restrictions that are expected to be adjusted over time if favorable trends in the public health data continue. Gathering limits for event venues and in public settings are currently 100 people indoors and 150 people outdoors. Outdoor gatherings at private residences and in private backyards remain at a maximum of 25 people, with indoor house gatherings remaining at 10 people. ([additional details](#))

Effective on April 30: Face Coverings Order will be [relaxed](#) for some outdoor settings.

Effective on May 10, Massachusetts will reopen some outdoor Phase 4, Step 2 industries:

- Large venues such as indoor and outdoor stadiums, arenas and ballparks currently open as part of Phase 4, Step 1 at 12% will be permitted to increase capacity to 25%.
- The Commonwealth will reopen some outdoor Phase 4, Step 2 industries including amusement parks, theme parks and outdoor water parks that will be permitted to operate at a 50% capacity after submitting safety plans to the Department of Public Health.
- Road races and other large, outdoor organized amateur or professional group athletic events will be permitted to take place with staggered starts after submitting safety plans to a local board of health or the DPH.
- Youth and adult amateur sports tournaments will be allowed for moderate and high risk sports.
- Singing will also be permitted indoors with strict distancing requirements at performance venues, restaurants, event venues and other businesses.

Effective on May 29, Subject to public health and vaccination data:

- Gathering limits will increase to 200 people indoors and 250 people outdoors for event venues, public settings and private settings.
- Additional Phase 4, Step 2 industries will be permitted to open including
 - Street festivals, parades and agricultural festivals, at 50% of their previous capacity and after submitting safety plans to the local board of health.
 - Bars, beer gardens, breweries, wineries and distilleries, will be subject to restaurant rules with seated service only, a 90 minute limit and no dance floors.
- The restaurant guidance will be updated to eliminate the requirement that food be served with alcohol and to increase the maximum table size to 10.

Effective on August 1: Subject to public health and vaccination data, remaining industries will be permitted to open including dance clubs, and nightclubs, saunas, hot-tubs, steam rooms at fitness centers, health clubs and other facilities, indoor water parks and ball pits. All industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries, with businesses encouraged to continue following best practices. The gathering limit will be rescinded. *Depending on vaccine distribution and public health data, the Administration may consider re-evaluating the August 1 date.*

- **People with Seasonal Allergies**

[COVID-19 and seasonal allergies](#) share many symptoms, but there are some key differences between the two. For example, COVID-19 can cause fever, which is not a common symptom of seasonal allergies. Because some of the symptoms of COVID-19 and seasonal allergies are similar, it may be difficult to tell the difference between them, and you may need to get a test to confirm your diagnosis.

COVID-19 vs. Allergies

	COVID-19	Allergies
Common	✓	✗
	✓	✓
	✓	✗
	✓	✓
Less Common	✓	✓
	✓	✗
	✓	⊖*
Not Common	⊖	✓
	✗	✓
	✗	✓
	⊖	✓

*Seasonal allergies do not usually cause shortness of breath, unless a person has a respiratory condition such as asthma that can be triggered by pollen.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

- [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.



**To best protect yourself
from COVID-19:**

- ✓ wear a mask,
- ✓ social distance,
- ✓ and get vaccinated.

*Trust the facts,
get the vax.*

