

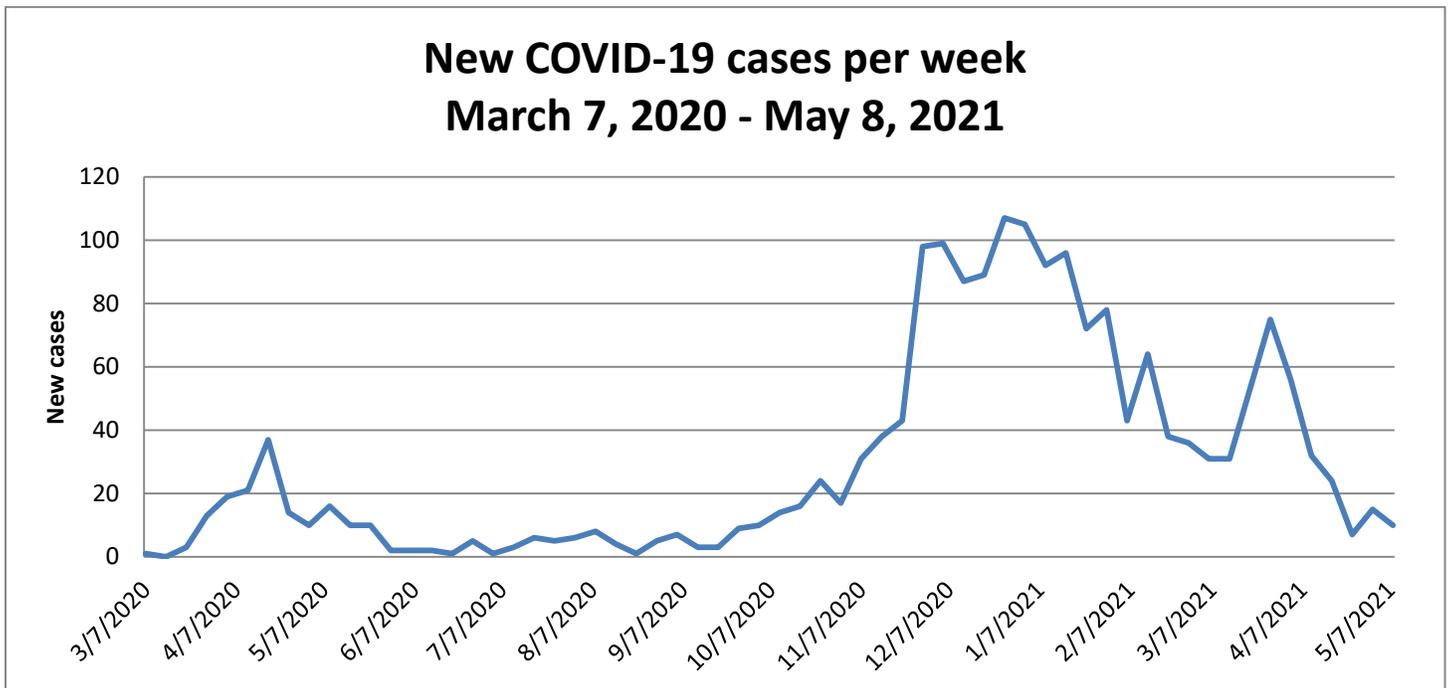
## COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

**May 13, 2021:**

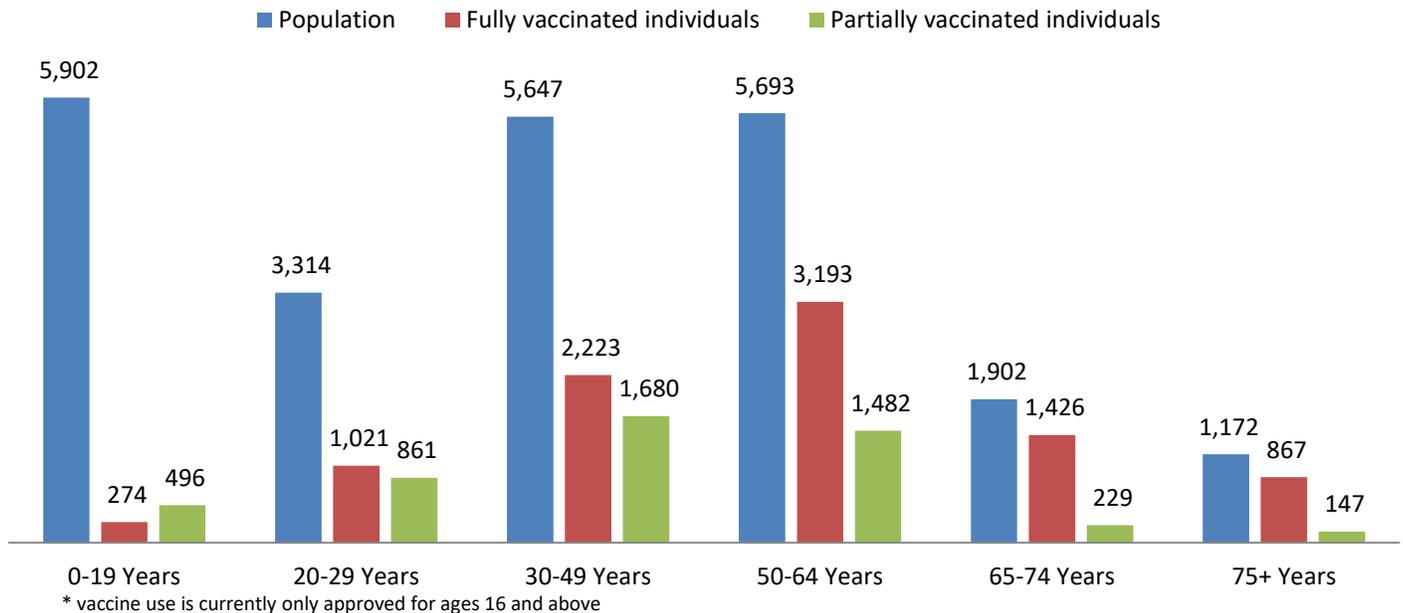
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).

- **As of today, please see the below chart that represents our communities COVID-19 relates cases:**

<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#	
<b>Positive COVID-19 under isolation</b>	<b>15</b>	(updated 5/13 08:00)
<b>Positive Cases recovered</b>	<b>1798</b>	
<b>Total tested positive since beginning:</b>	<b>1837</b>	
<b>Mansfield Community Designation Level</b>	<b>Green</b>	Red-higher risk Yellow- moderate risk Green- lower risk
<b>Covid-19 Related Deaths</b>	<b>24</b>	Last Covid death in Mansfield 04/21/21



## Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield as of May 6, 2021



**The COVID-19 vaccine is free.**

**People age 12+ who live, work, or study here  
can get vaccinated against COVID-19**

The vaccine is safe and effective. You don't need an ID or insurance to get it. People ages 12-17 can receive the Pfizer vaccine. People age 18 and older can receive any vaccine.

- [Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19 for individuals age 12+](#)

The Centers for Disease Control's (CDC's) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended an expanded indication of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to individuals 12-15 years of age. This recommendation is in line with the FDA's action on Monday, May 10 to amend the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for this vaccine to include this younger age group (<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-emergency-use>). CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky also announced this evening that CDC has accepted the ACIP's recommendation (<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s0512-advisory-committee-signing.html>). Effective immediately providers in Massachusetts may begin to administer the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to individuals age 12 and older.

**People age 12+ 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.**

- **[Employer Vaccination Program](#)**

The Baker-Polito Administration announced yesterday the Commonwealth's Employer Vaccination Program, which will allow Massachusetts employers options to easily and conveniently vaccinate their employees.

All detailed information on this program can be found at [www.mass.gov/EmployerVaccine](https://www.mass.gov/EmployerVaccine). This webpage includes a link to a form that employers should submit to request appointments. There is no financial cost to the employer.

There are two main options for employers:

***Option 1: Group appointments at mass vaccination sites.***

This is the quickest and easiest option. Appointments will be scheduled starting Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Employers can request a block of appointments at any of the Commonwealth's 7 mass vaccination sites.

Employers can help register employees for their appointments or the Commonwealth will provide an employer with links to share with employees so they can sign up during the block of appointments. The minimum number of appointments required is 10 and there is no maximum limit.

Registration requires simple demographic information – insurance and identification are not required at the time of registration or appointment, if not available. Employers can set up a table or kiosk onsite to have an onsite presence for employees which can be coordinated with the site operator after submitting a request.

These sites are easy, fast, and convenient. Most vaccination appointments take less than 30 minutes, including the 15-minute observation period. Employers can request a block of appointments for their employees to be vaccinated on a specific day/time. Employers or employees will be responsible for transportation to and from the vaccination site.

Sites are available 7 days a week, hours vary by site/day. Extensive accessibility accommodations are available and additional special accommodations may be made available upon request (e.g., interpreters). This option will be available through June 30<sup>th</sup>, with first dose appointments available through June 11<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on how to book group appointments and to submit an official request form, visit the employer vaccination page at [mass.gov/employervaccine](https://www.mass.gov/employervaccine). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

### ***Option 2: Mobile on-site employer vaccination clinic***

Employers who have confirmed that 35 or more employees will obtain a vaccination at the employer pop-up clinic may request a mobile, on-site, vaccination clinic. A vaccination provider will come on-site to the employer host-property to vaccinate individuals and return 3-4 weeks later to deliver 2nd doses. Employers must survey employees and confirm participation prior to requesting a clinic.

In order to schedule an on-site clinic, employers will need to provide:

- Address of employer and contact person
- Number of employees who have confirmed that they will receive the vaccination
- Space for vaccination clinic (inside, outside) and any additional details
- Type of appointment registration (i.e., ahead of clinic, day-of), prior registration preferred
- Requested date and time

Employer clinics will be scheduled and prioritized based upon number of individuals getting vaccinated and location of the clinic. Employers located in communities with vaccination rates below the state average will be prioritized. On-site clinics will begin as soon as Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

All details on employer vaccinations options and requirements can be found at [www.mass.gov/employervaccine](https://www.mass.gov/employervaccine)

Additionally, we encourage all employers to remind their employees of the importance of getting vaccinated and of the availability of more than 900 locations across the state. For more information, please check the state's website at [www.mass.gov/covidvaccine](https://www.mass.gov/covidvaccine).

- **May is Mental Health Awareness Month**

Taking care of your emotional health and well-being during this time is important. [Decreasing stress can help bolster your immune system](#) and can help keep you and others around you healthy. The [Maintaining Emotional Health & Well-Being website](#) contains resources and tips for staying emotionally healthy and well. If you or someone you know are experiencing a mental health crisis find emergency/crisis supports in your area by calling [1 \(877\) 382-1609](tel:18773821609) or visiting the [emergency services web page](#).

- Call 2-1-1 and choose the "CALL2TALK" option.

- Access [MassSupport - Free COVID-19 Counseling and Support](#) by calling 1-888-215-4920, M-F 9am-6pm, or email at [MassSupport@riversidecc.org](mailto:MassSupport@riversidecc.org)
- [The Massachusetts Network of Care](#) is a searchable behavioral health directory of services and organizations.
- Samaritans is continuing operations 24/7, as always. During this unprecedented time, it can feel overwhelming to receive constant messages about COVID-19. Call or text their 24/7 helpline any time at 877-870-4673.
- The Disaster Distress Helpline, 1-800-985-5990, is a 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster, including disease outbreaks like COVID-19. This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all residents in the United States and its territories. If you or a family/household member does not feel safe at home, please call **1-800-799-7233** for live support. If you are unable to speak safely, you can log onto [thehotline.org](http://thehotline.org) to chat online, or text **LOVEIS** to **22522**

# The COVID-19 Vaccine: Safe & Effective

When it's your turn,  
Get the Vax

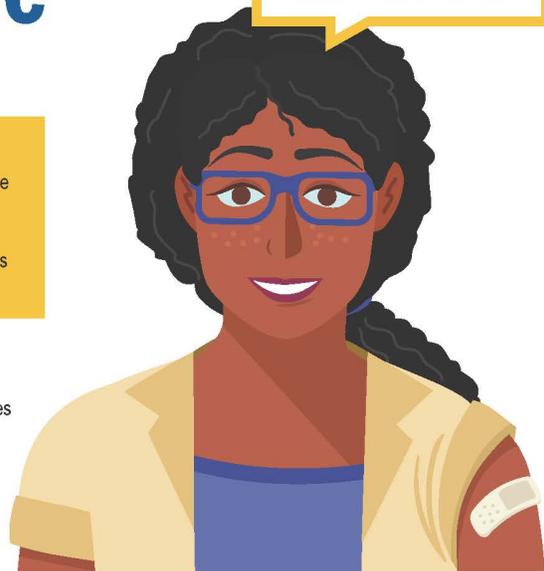
## The COVID-19 Vaccine was developed safely.



- ✔ The same safety steps that are used for all vaccines were followed for the COVID vaccine.
- ✔ Tens of thousands of people participated in clinical trials to prove the vaccine is safe and effective.

## Vaccine was able to be developed quickly because:

- ✔ When the pandemic began, scientists had been studying similar viruses for over 20 years, giving them a head start in creating this vaccine.
- ✔ Companies started producing the vaccine early to ensure immediate distribution upon approval.



LEARN MORE AT  
[mass.gov/CovidVaccine](https://mass.gov/CovidVaccine)



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