

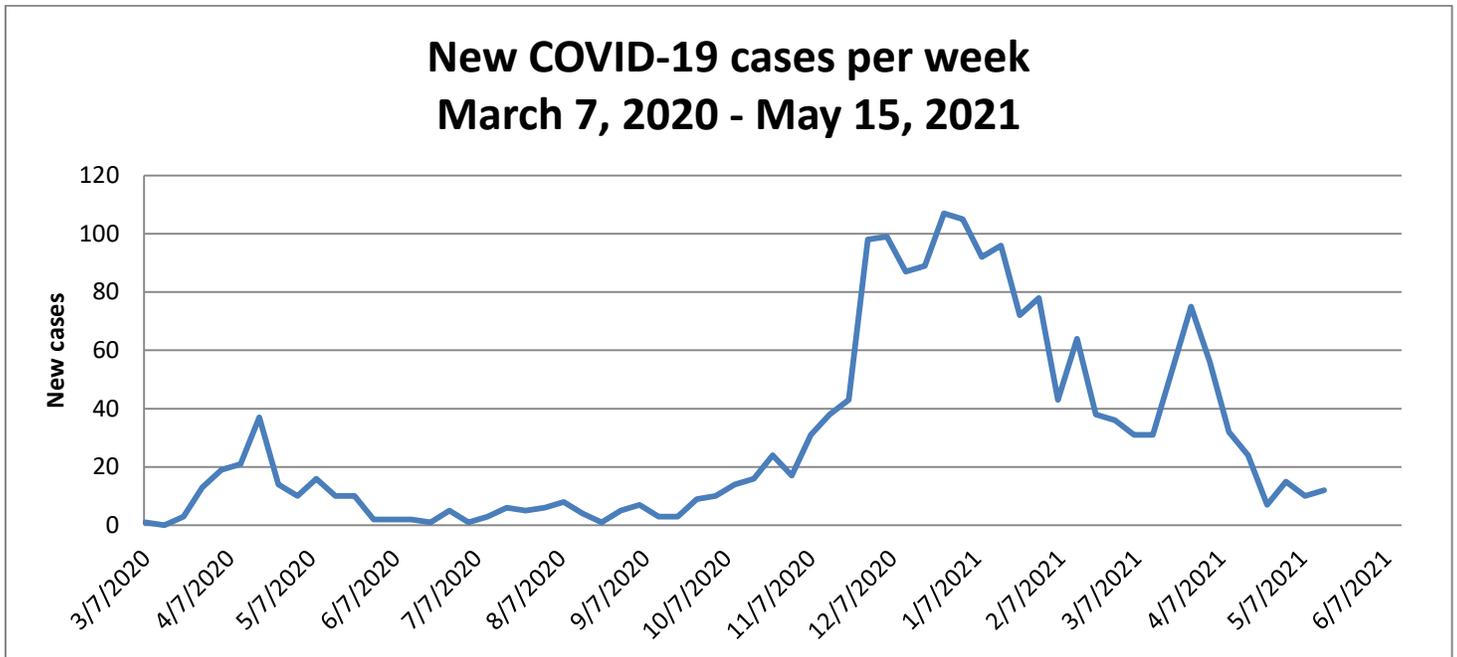
COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

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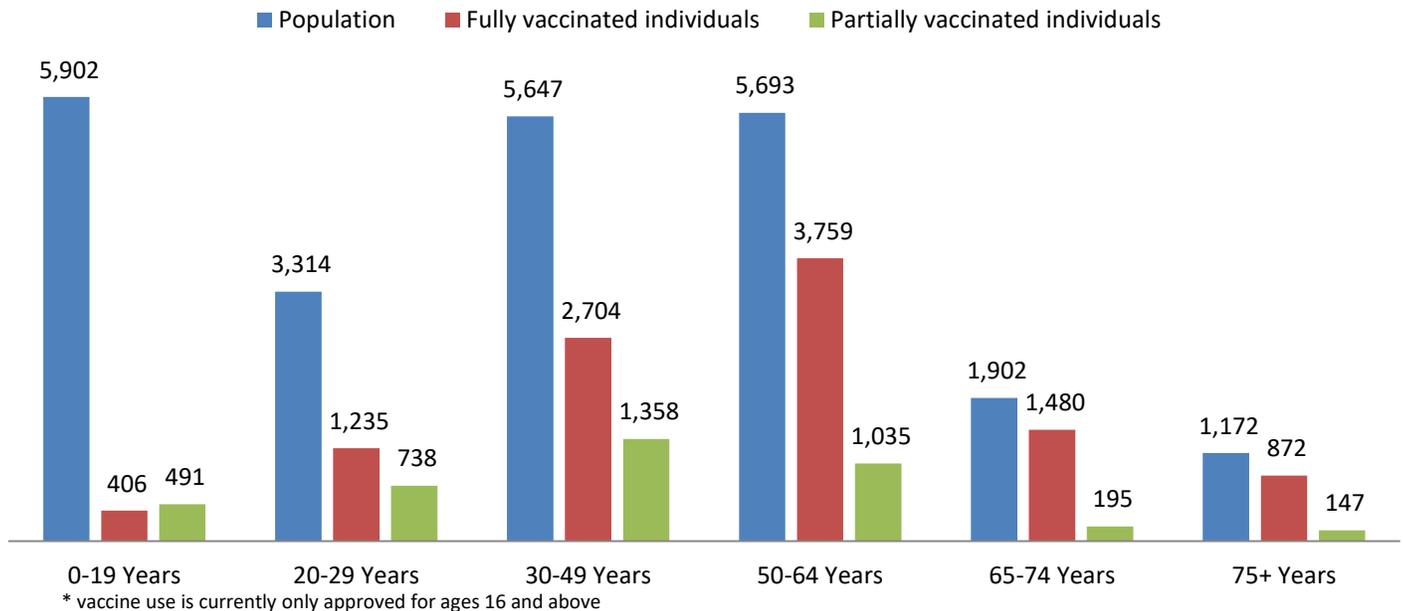
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).

- **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	13	(updated 5/17 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	1805	
Total tested positive since beginning:	1842	
Mansfield Community Designation Level	Green	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 May 13, 2021



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Baker-Polito Administration to Lift COVID Restrictions May 29, State to Meet Vaccination Goal by Beginning of June

Commonwealth Will Adopt CDC Face Covering Guidance

BOSTON – Today, the Baker-Polito Administration announced that the Commonwealth is on track to meet the goal of vaccinating 4.1 million residents by the first week of June and all remaining COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted effective May 29.

The Commonwealth's face covering order will also be rescinded on May 29. The Department of Public Health will issue a new face covering advisory consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated guidance. Face coverings will still be mandatory for all

individuals on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings.

Governor Charlie Baker will end the State of Emergency June 15.

The Administration also announced updates that will be effective May 18 to revise face covering requirements for youth and amateur sports and other guidance relating to childcare programs and K-12 schools. The Administration will release updated guidance for summer camps effective May 29.

The Administration is able to take these steps to reopen the Commonwealth's economy because Massachusetts is on track to meet the goal set in December to fully vaccinate over 4 million individuals by the first week of June. The Commonwealth leads the nation in vaccinating residents, with 75% of adults receiving at least one dose. To date, over 4 million residents have received a first dose, with 3.2 million fully vaccinated.

New cases have dropped by 89% since January 8. COVID hospitalizations are down 88% since January 1 and the positive test rate is down by 88% from peaking at 8.7% on January 1 to 1% today.

Effective May 29

Effective May 29, all industries will be permitted to open. With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for public and private transportation systems and facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries. The gathering limit will be rescinded.

All industries will be encouraged to follow CDC guidance for cleaning and hygiene protocols.

On May 18, 2020, the Administration [published the reopening phases](#), which called for ending restrictions when vaccines became widely available. Today, there are over 975 locations for Massachusetts residents to access vaccines without delay.

Face Covering Guidance

In line with updated CDC face covering guidance, the Administration will rescind the current face covering order and issue a new face covering advisory effective May 29.

Non-vaccinated individuals are advised to continue wearing face masks and to continue distancing in most settings. The advisory will also recommend fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear a face covering or social distance indoors or outdoors except for in certain situations.

Face coverings will still be required for all individuals on public and private transportation (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), healthcare facilities and providers, congregate care settings and health and rehabilitative day services.

Face coverings will also remain required indoors for staff and students of K-12 schools and early education providers.

[Link to mask guidance](#)

Youth and Amateur Sports Face Covering Guidance

Effective May 18, the youth and amateur sports guidance will be updated to no longer require face coverings for youth athletes 18 and under while playing outdoor sports. Effective May 29, all youth and amateur sports restrictions will be lifted.

[Link to youth sports guidance](#)

K-12, Early Education and Summer Camp Guidance

Effective May 18, guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Early Education and Care will be updated to no longer require masks for outdoor activities like recess and to allow for the sharing of objects in classrooms, in both K-12 and childcare settings. This guidance will remain in effect beyond May 29.

The Administration will release updated guidance for summer camps, effective May 29, which will include no longer requiring masks for outdoor activities.

[Link to DESE guidance](#)

[Link to EEC guidance](#)

State of Emergency Order

Governor Baker will end the [State of Emergency](#) June 15, and the Administration will work with legislative and municipal partners during this period in order to manage an orderly transition from emergency measures adopted by executive order and special legislation during the period of the State of Emergency.

The COVID-19 Vaccine & YOUTH

Information for **teens & young adults** about vaccine eligibility in MA

Vaccine eligibility criteria for youth



- Youth 12+ can receive the Pfizer vaccine
- Youth 18+ can receive the Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson and Johnson vaccines
- Youth living in emergency shelter programs including homeless or domestic violence shelters are eligible

Learn more about your vaccine eligibility at mass.gov/vaccinesforYOUTH

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

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.

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 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.

- **MA Mask Order continues despite CDC recommendations**

Masks will still be required for now in all indoor public places, at all events and outdoors when social distancing is not possible in Massachusetts, despite new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control advising fully vaccinated individuals that it's safe in most cases to stop wearing a face covering.

The current Order effective April 30, 2021 requires people to wear masks or face-coverings in indoor public places and outdoors when they are unable to maintain 6 feet from other people.

- Face coverings are still required at all times in indoor public places.
- Face coverings also continue to be required at all times at events, whether held indoors or outdoors and whether held in a public space or private home, except for when eating or drinking.
- At smaller gatherings in private homes, face coverings are recommended but not required.
- **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](#) 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
- [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 to chat online, or text **LOVEIS** to **22522**