

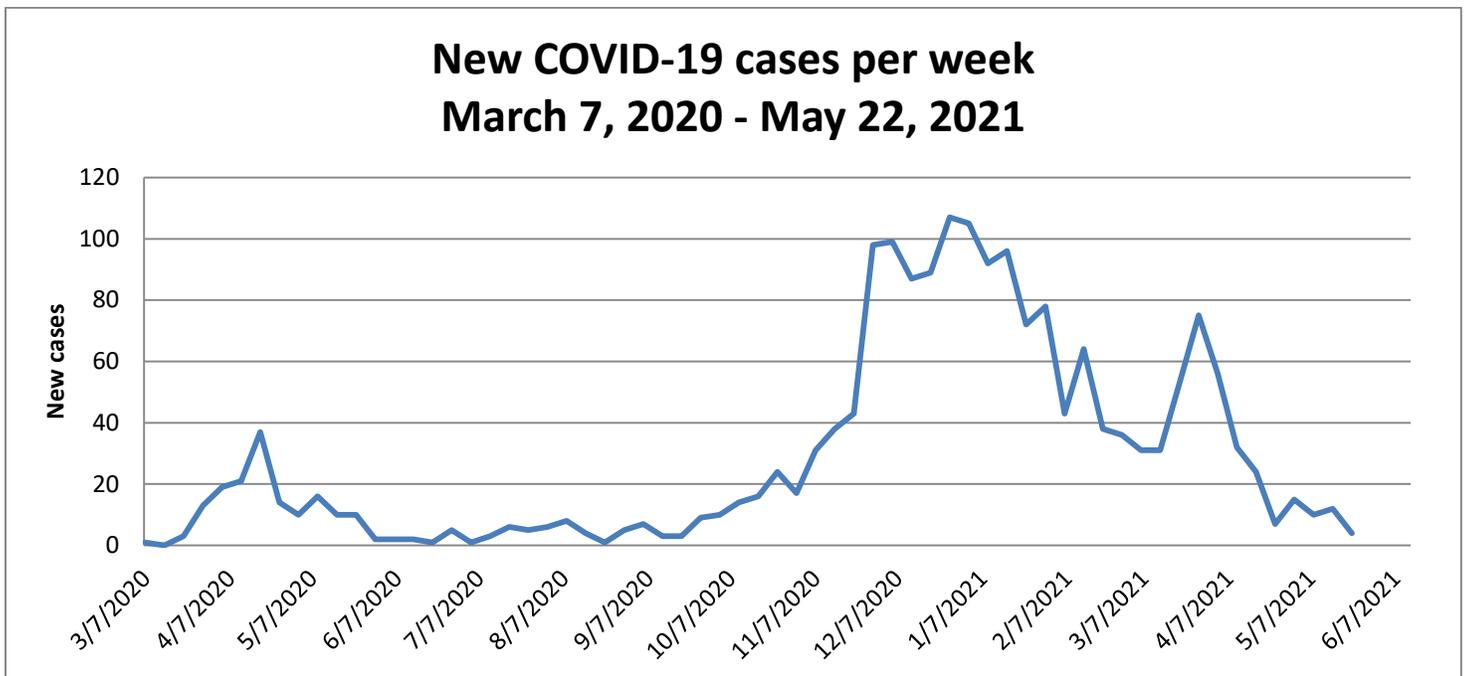
## COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

**May 24, 2021:**

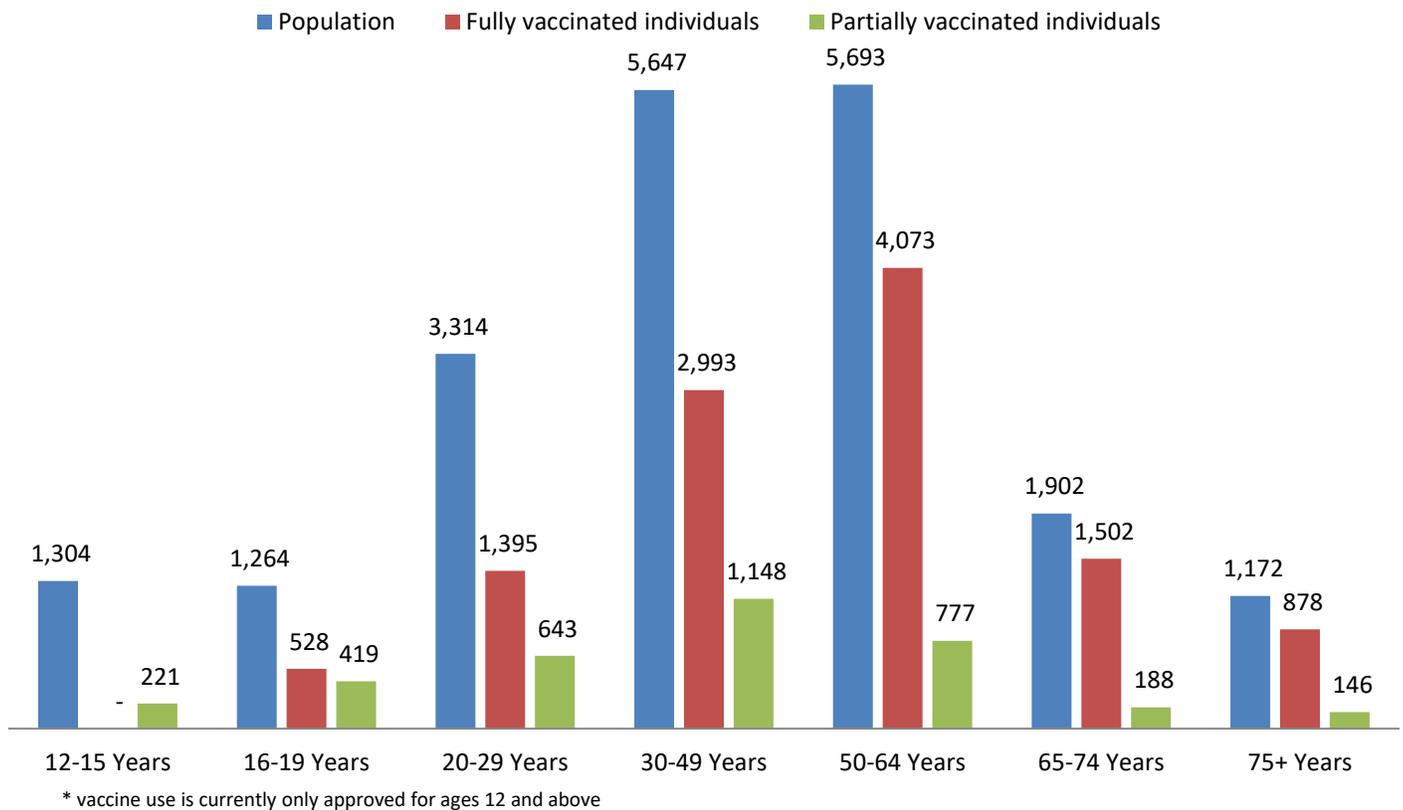
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).

- **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>4</b>	(updated 5/24 08:00)
<b>Positive Cases recovered</b>	<b>1819</b>	
<b>Total tested positive since beginning:</b>	<b>1847</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 20, 2021



- ### Expansion of Homebound Vaccination Program

Beginning Monday, May 24, the Administration will expand the state's Homebound Vaccination Program to support in-home vaccinations for all eligible residents who are unable to get to a vaccine site. This expansion will support continued vaccination of hard-to-reach populations and supports the Administration's goal to make COVID-19 vaccines readily available.

The Administration [launched](#) the Homebound Vaccination on March 29 for individuals who met specific federal criteria, such as requiring significant supports to leave the home for a medical appointment. Beginning May 24, any individual who has trouble getting to a vaccine site is eligible for the homebound program.

Individuals can call [\(833\) 983-0485](tel:8339830485) to register for an in-home vaccination. The registration phone line is open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM and has representatives who speak English and Spanish, as well as translation services available in 100+ languages.

After registering, individuals will be called within five business days by the state's Homebound Vaccine Provider, Commonwealth Care Alliance, to schedule an appointment. It may take some time to get an appointment, and the quickest way to get vaccinated remains to schedule an appointment at a vaccination site by visiting [VaxFinder.mass.gov](https://VaxFinder.mass.gov).

The Homebound Program is primarily using Johnson & Johnson vaccines, a safe and effective vaccine that only requires one visit to an individual's home. For individuals 12-17 years old who are homebound and would need significant support to leave the home to get to a medical appointment, the Homebound Program is offering Pfizer vaccines. Homebound youth are encouraged to register for the Homebound Program by Friday, May 28 to ensure that an in-home vaccination can be scheduled during the month of June.

More information on the Homebound Vaccination Program [here](#).

- [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](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.**

The preregistration form at [vaccinesignup.mass.gov](https://vaccinesignup.mass.gov) will be closed to new submissions on Tuesday, May 25. All remaining people still in the system will be contacted with an opportunity to book appointments before closing out the system on May 31. All remaining people who preregistered will be given an opportunity to book before the system closes.

The Commonwealth's COVID-19 Vaccine Finder at [vaxfinder.mass.gov](https://vaxfinder.mass.gov) will remain available. There are over 900 locations available with thousands of appointments in every region of Massachusetts. Users can also find information about no wait, walk-up appointments at select locations, accessibility information, and can plan for their appointment using the MBTA trip planner tool. Users can also filter by type of vaccine offered, to ensure that people under 18 or their parents can search for locations that only offer the Pfizer vaccine. Users can also call 211 to access the Massachusetts Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line for help booking an appointment.

# The COVID-19 Vaccine & **YOUth**

What should **teens & young adults** know about the vaccine?



## ▶ **Am I eligible to receive the vaccine?**

All people 12 years old and over are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Youth 12+ can receive the Pfizer vaccine and youth 18+ can receive the Moderna vaccine.

## ▶ **Will I have to pay for the vaccine?**

The vaccine is free to all individuals. You will never be asked for a credit card number to make an appointment.

## ▶ **Which vaccine am I eligible for?**

Youth 12+ can receive the Pfizer vaccine and individuals 18+ can receive the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

## ▶ **Will getting the vaccine affect a person's immigration status?**

No. Getting the vaccine affect whether you're able to stay in the US, get a green card, or receive public benefits like housing or SNAP.

## ▶ **Does the vaccine have any side effects?**

It is possible that some people may have minor side effects, but these are normal signs that your body is building protection.

## ▶ **Can I get COVID-19 from the vaccine?**

No. The vaccine does not contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. This means that you cannot catch COVID-19 from the vaccine.

## ▶ **What are the benefits of getting the vaccine?**

The vaccine will help keep you from getting sick from COVID-19 and the vaccines available in the US have been shown to be very effective.

## ▶ **What can I do if I'm unable to get vaccinated?**

You can still mask up and practice social distancing to help lower your chance of getting the virus and spreading it to your loved ones.

## ▶ **Where can I receive the vaccine?**

Once you've found out that you're eligible for the vaccine, you can sign up for an appointment at [Vaxfinder.mass.gov](https://vaxfinder.mass.gov).

## ▶ **Where can I learn more about the vaccine?**

You can learn more about your eligibility, how the vaccine works, the vaccine's effectiveness, and more at [mass.gov/COVID19vaccine](https://mass.gov/COVID19vaccine).

Learn more about the vaccine distribution at [mass.gov/vaccinesforYOUth](https://mass.gov/vaccinesforYOUth)

- **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](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**