

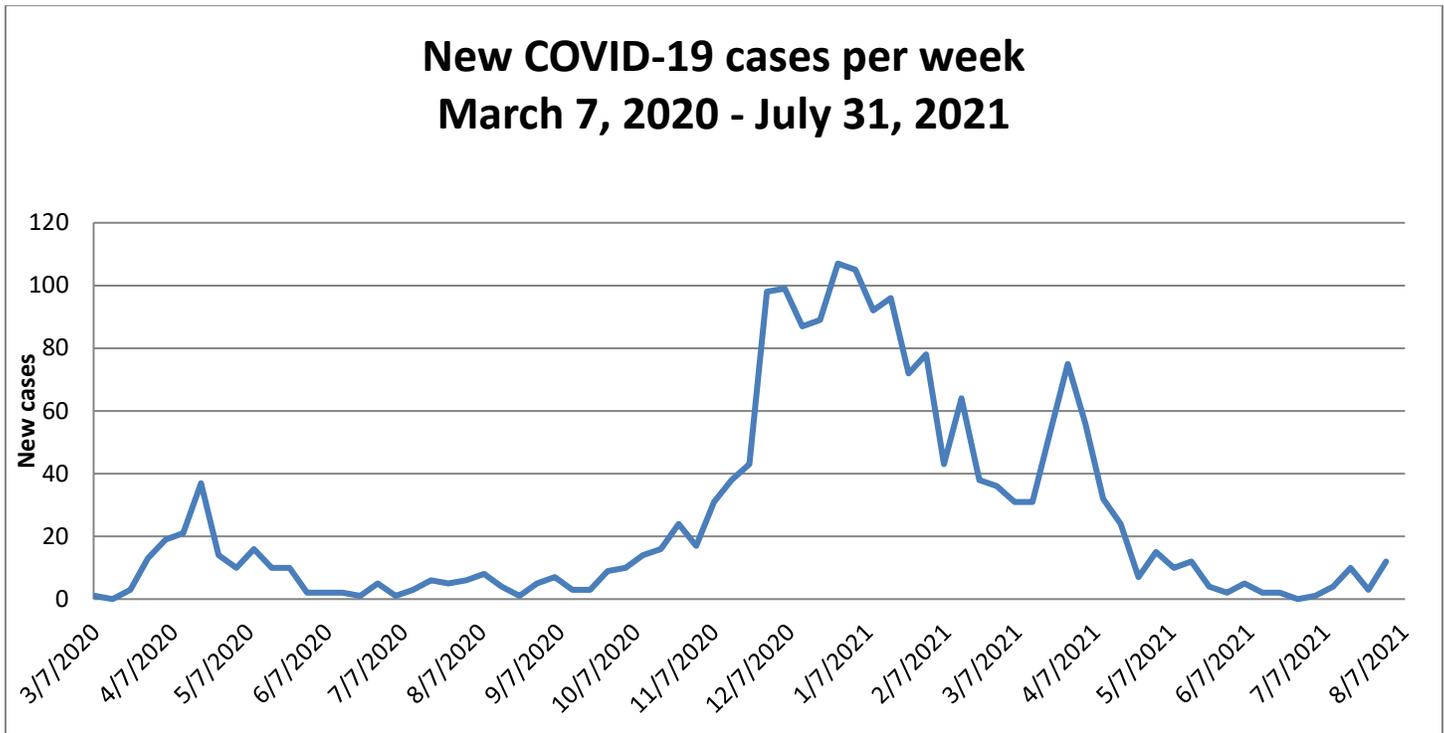
COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

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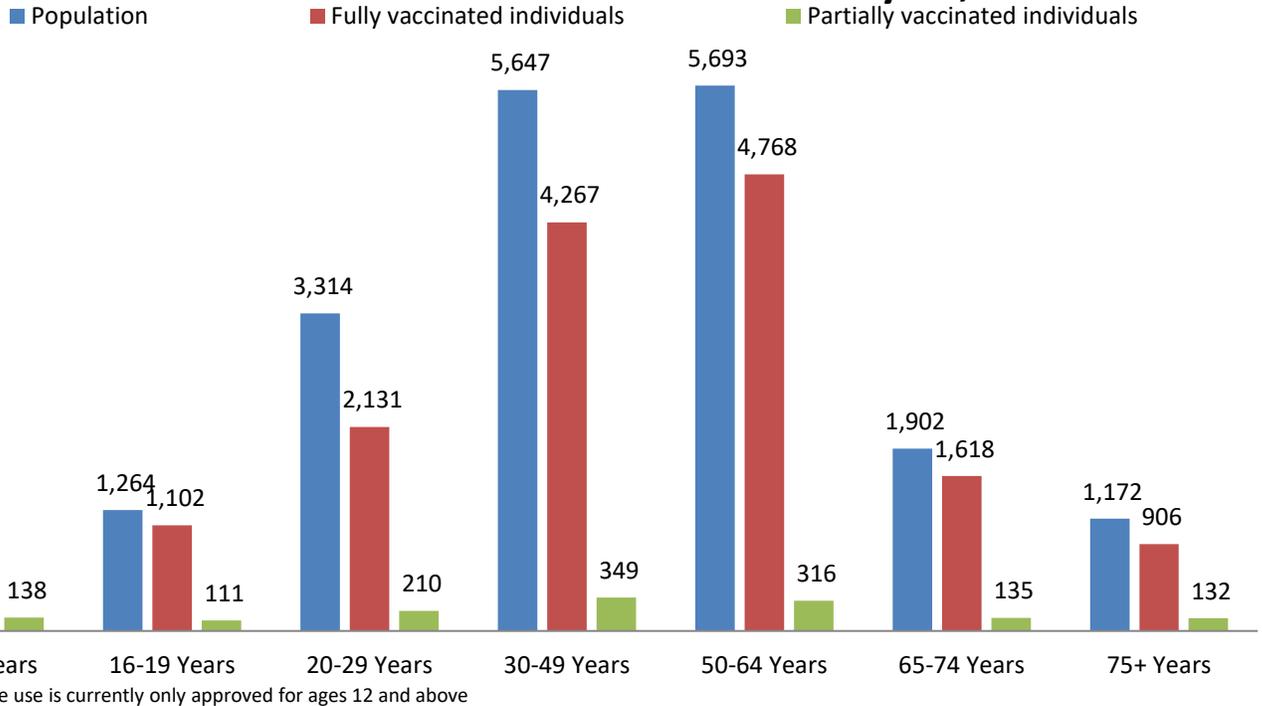
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).

- **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	7	(updated 8/3 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	1855	
Total tested positive since beginning:	1886	
Mansfield Community Designation Level	Grey	Red-higher risk; Yellow- moderate risk Green- lower risk; Grey- lowest risk
Covid-19 Related Deaths	24	Last Covid death in Mansfield 04/21/21



Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield as of July 29, 2021



HOW DO BREAKTHROUGH CASES HAPPEN?

THINK OF VACCINES LIKE BUG TRAPPERS, NOT ZAPPERS.

"A lot of people think of vaccines like a bug-zapper that blocks the bug completely. But it's really more like a bug trapper that has an insecticide built in. It lets the bug in but prevents the invading bug from harming you," says Dean Sten Vermund.

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While breakthrough cases of COVID-19 are still rare, some fully vaccinated people will get the virus, especially with community transmission increasing across the country. The important thing to remember is these individuals' immune systems were prepared by the vaccine and will respond quickly, preventing the virus from doing as much harm.

If you need another analogy that doesn't have to do with bugs, you can also think of vaccines like seatbelts and airbags in your car. You could still get in an accident, but you're much more likely to walk away uninjured or with more minor injuries than if they weren't protecting you.

We know there's a lot of questions surrounding vaccines, variants and COVID-19 right now. Get your questions answered by experts at our COVID-19 & You website: <https://bit.ly/covid19andyou>

*From Yale School of Public Health

- [The Delta Variant: What You Should Know](#)

Delta caused over 75% of recent COVID-19 cases in the United States- according to estimates- and will likely cause more. Don't let Delta and other variants slow our progress in the fight against COVID-19. CDC's new video, [The Delta Variant: What You Should Know](#), provides information on the Delta variant and what you can do to help slow the spread.

- [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated: Safer Activities for You and Your Family](#)

- [If you are fully vaccinated](#), you can participate in many of the activities that you did before the pandemic.
- To maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area [of substantial or high transmission](#).
- Wearing a mask is most important if you have a weakened immune system or if, because of your age or an underlying medical condition, you are at [increased risk for severe disease](#), or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated. If this applies to you or your household, you might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission in your area.
- You should continue to wear a mask where required by laws, rules, regulations, or local guidance.



- [Bristol County identified as an area of substantial transmission](#)

Bristol County has been identified by the CDC as an area of substantial transmission for COVID-19. The CDC recommends all people, no matter their vaccination status, wear masks indoors and in crowded outdoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission. More information can be found [here](#). Other counties in Massachusetts identified as areas of substantial or high transmission include: Barnstable, Nantucket, Bristol, Essex, Hampden, Middlesex, Plymouth and Worcester Counties.

- [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. 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.

- [Register today for the VaxMillions Giveaway](#)

Get fully vaccinated and register for the next VaxMillions Giveaway drawing this week by visiting VaxMillionsGiveaway.com.

Vaccination appointments are available throughout the Commonwealth. This includes single dose vaccines.

You can't play if you're not vaccinated. Don't miss your shot at \$1 million or a college scholarship. Book your appointment today by visiting vaxfinder.mass.gov. Register to win at vaxmillionsgiveaway.com.

Registration Closes	Drawing Date	Announcement Date
August 5	August 9	August 12
August 12	August 16	August 19
August 19	August 23	August 26

Only use VaxMillionsGiveaway.com to register. Learn more about how to protect yourself from lottery scams by visiting mass.gov/vaxmillionshelp.