## **COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19**

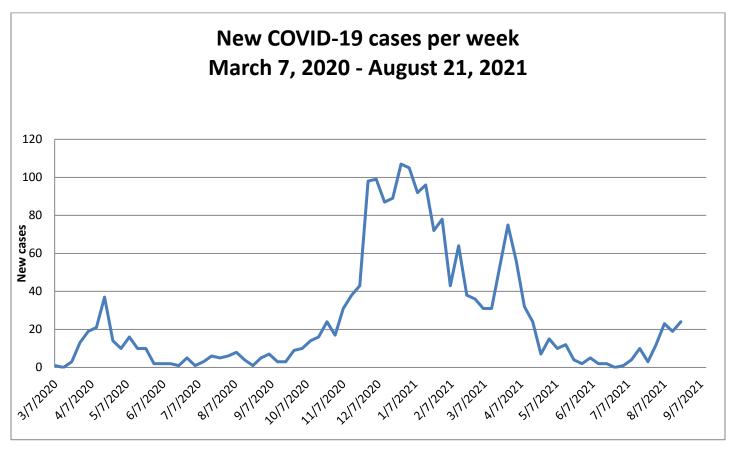
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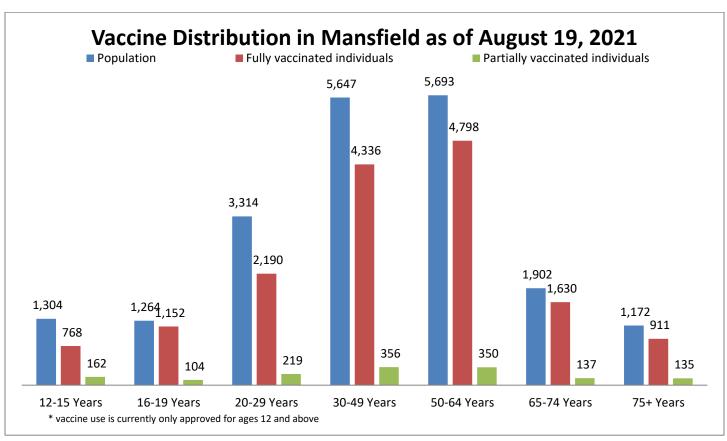
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town <u>coronavirus webpage</u>.



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

Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow	#	
Positive COVID-19 under isolation	39	(updated 8/25 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	1913	
Total tested positive since beginning:	1976	
Covid-19 Related Deaths	24	Last Covid death in Mansfield 04/21/21





### Bristol County identified as an area of high transmission

Bristol County has been identified by the CDC as an area of high 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. Within Massachusetts, county designation is the following:

County	COVID transmission level
Barnstable	Substantial
Berkshire	High
Bristol	High
Dukes	High
Essex	High
Franklin	Substantial
Hampden	High

County	COVID transmission level
Hampshire	Substantial
Middlesex	High
Nantucket	High
Norfolk	Substantial
Plymouth	High
Suffolk	High
Worcester	High

### 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 <u>VaxFinder.mass.gov</u> 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.



COMIRNATY/Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine has received full **U.S. Food and Drug Administration** approval for use in people 16 years old and older. It's safe and effective at helping prevent COVID-19, especially severe illness, hospitalization, and death—including illness caused by the Delta variant.

If you've been waiting to get vaccinated, make your appointment today.

Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines: <a href="https://bit.ly/2IWccCd">https://bit.ly/2IWccCd</a>.

COVID-19 Vaccines for Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised
 People

People who are moderately to severely immunocompromised are especially vulnerable to COVID-19 because they are more at risk of serious, prolonged illness. <u>Studies</u> indicate some immunocompromised people don't always build the same level of immunity after vaccination the way non-immunocompromised people do.

CDC recommends that people with moderately to severely compromised immune systems receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 28 days after a second dose of <a href="https://example.covid-19">Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19</a> vaccine or <a href="https://example.covid-19">Moderna COVID-19</a> vaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccines Booster Shots

## Will people who received Johnson & Johnson's (J&J) Janssen COVID-19 vaccine need a booster shot?

People who received a J&J COVID-19 vaccine will likely need a booster dose. Because the J&J vaccine wasn't given in the United States until 70 days after the first mRNA vaccine doses (COMIRNATY/Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna), the data needed to make this decision aren't available yet. These data are expected in the coming weeks. CDC will keep the public informed with a timely plan for J&J booster shots.



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# Can people who received the J&J COVID-19 vaccine get a booster dose of an mRNA vaccine?

No, there's currently not enough data to support getting an mRNA vaccine booster dose (either COMIRNATY/Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) if someone has gotten a J&J vaccine. People who got the J&J vaccine will likely need a booster dose, and more data are expected in the coming weeks. CDC will keep the public informed with a timely plan for J&J booster shots.



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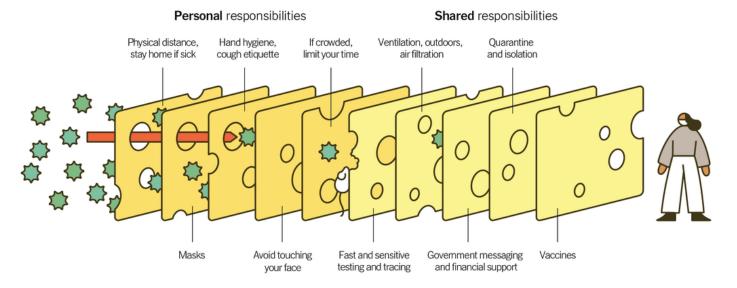
### Enable MassNotify on your smartphone

MassNotify is a new tool that works through smartphones, with a focus on privacy, to alert users who may have been exposed to COVID-19. You can enable MassNotify on your iPhone or Android phone to add another tool to our fight against the spread of COVID-19 and help Massachusetts reopen safely.

Learn how to enable MassNotify on your phone.

## **Multiple Layers Improve Success**

The Swiss Cheese Respiratory Pandemic Defense recognizes that no single intervention is perfect at preventing the spread of the coronavirus. Each intervention (layer) has holes.



Source: Adapted from Ian M. Mackay (virologydownunder.com) and James T. Reason. Illustration by Rose Wong <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/05/health/coronavirus-swiss-cheese-infection-mackay.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/05/health/coronavirus-swiss-cheese-infection-mackay.html</a>