

COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

August 30, 2021:

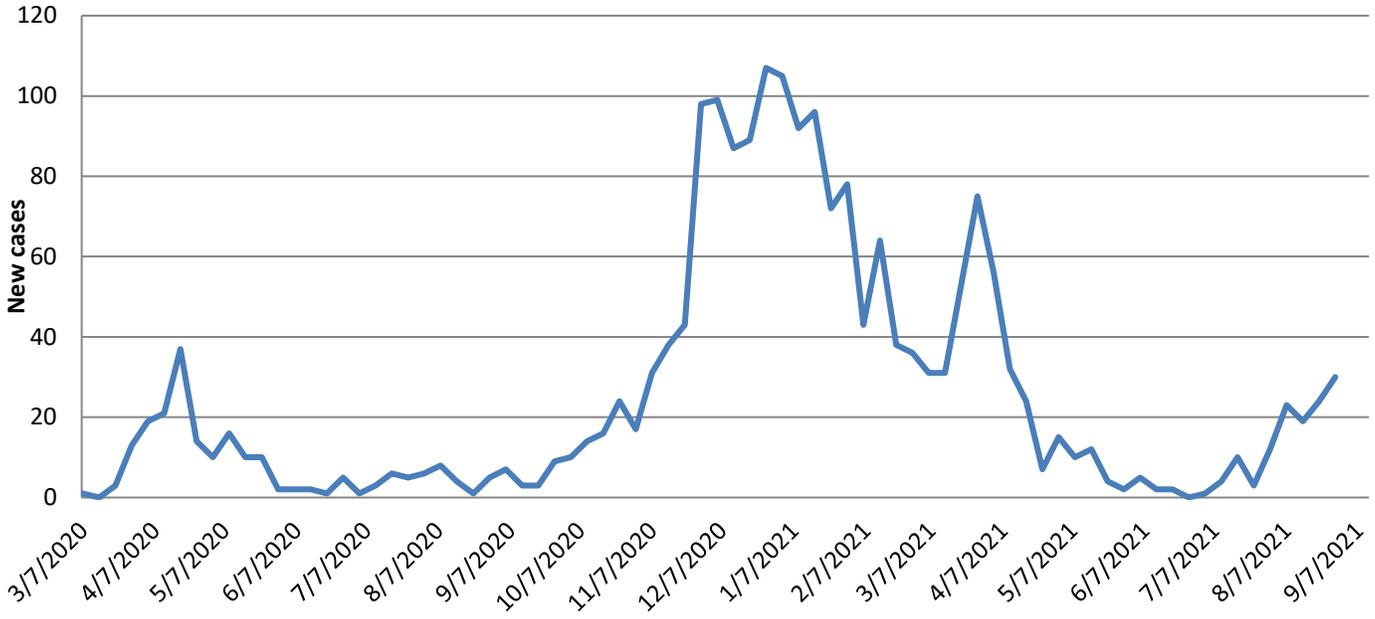
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).



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

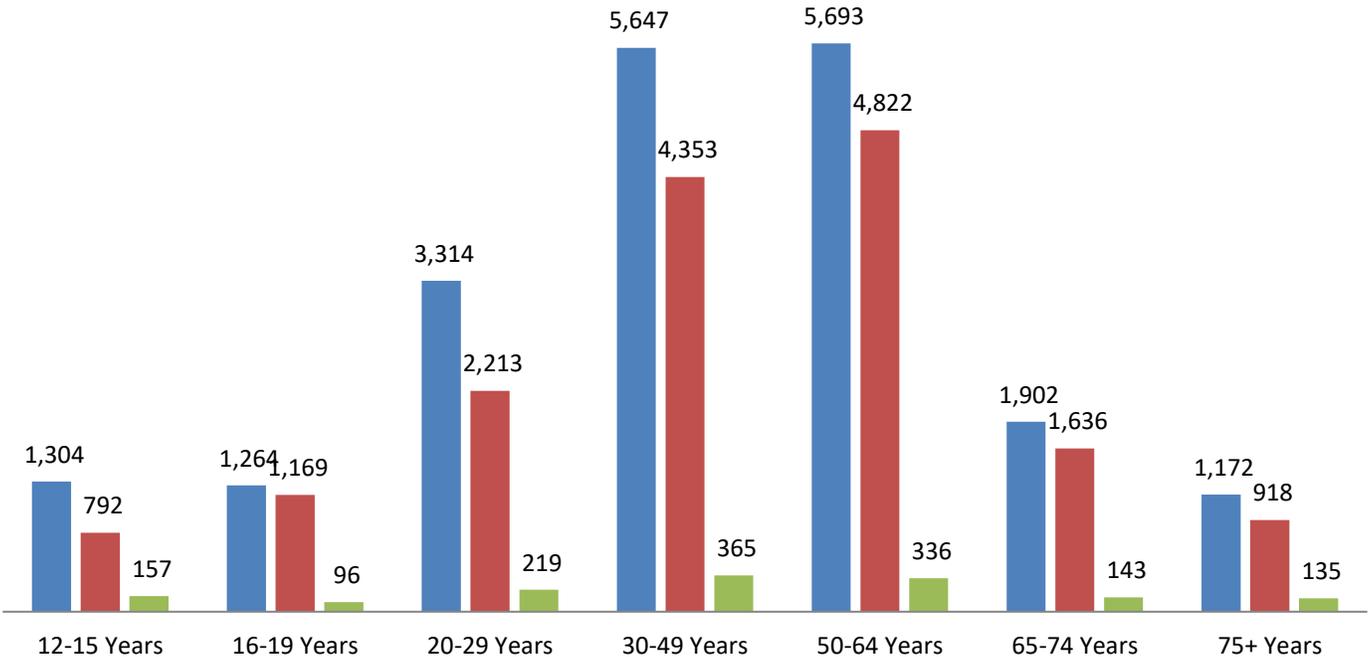
<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#	
Positive COVID-19 under isolation	44	(updated 8/30 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	1932	
Total tested positive since beginning:	2000	
Covid-19 Related Deaths	24	Last Covid death in Mansfield 04/21/21

New COVID-19 cases per week March 7, 2020 - August 28, 2021



Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield as of August 26, 2021

■ Population
 ■ Fully vaccinated individuals
 ■ Partially vaccinated individuals



* vaccine use is currently only approved for ages 12 and above

- [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	High
Berkshire	High
Bristol	High
Dukes	High
Essex	High
Franklin	Substantial
Hampden	High

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

- [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. [Studies](#) 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 [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine](#) or [Moderna COVID-19 vaccine](#).

Q: What's the difference between a booster dose and an additional dose?

A: Sometimes people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised do not build enough (or any) protection when they first get a vaccination. When this happens, getting another dose of the vaccine can sometimes help them build more protection against the disease. This appears to be the case for some immunocompromised people and COVID-19 vaccines.

In contrast, a **"booster dose"** refers to another dose of a vaccine that is given to someone who built enough protection after vaccination, but then that protection decreased over time (this is called waning immunity).



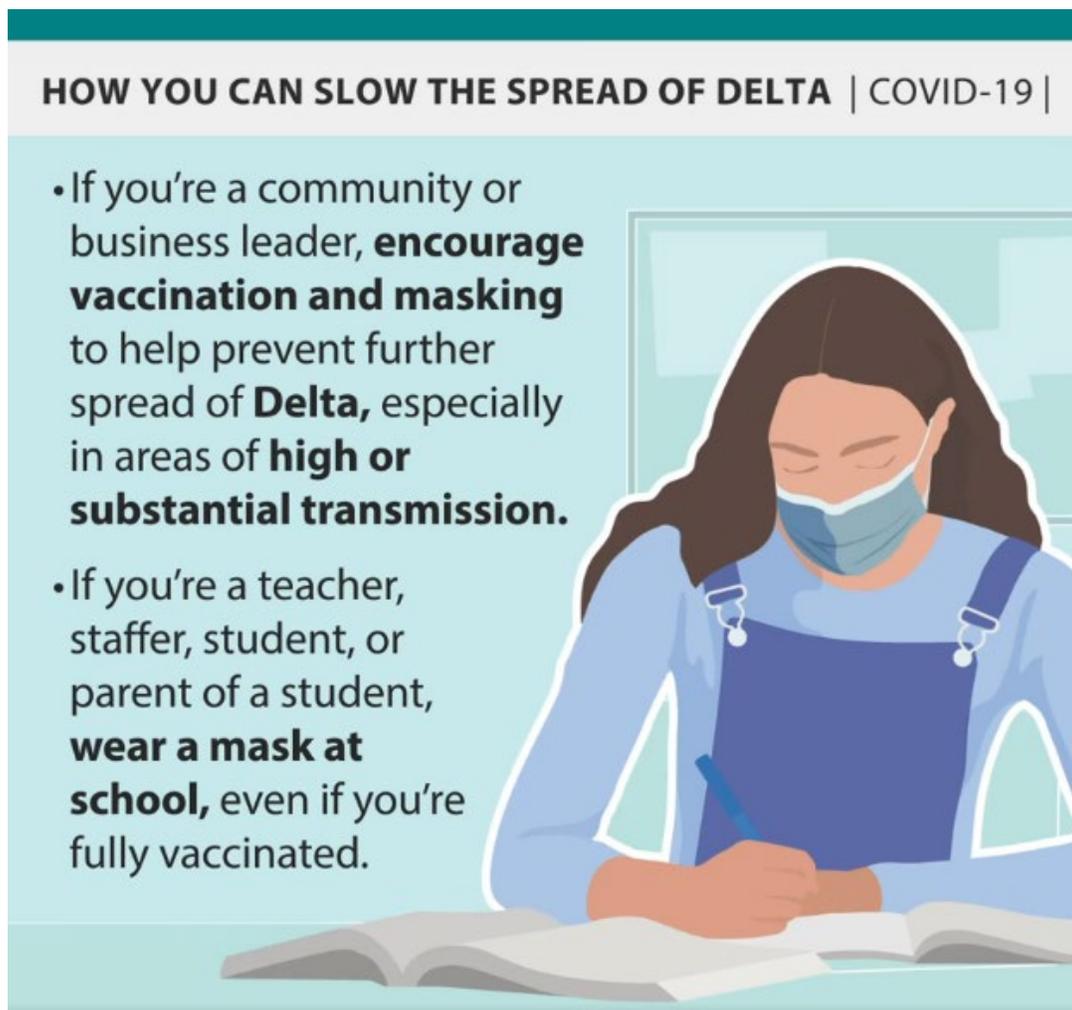
- [Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19 for individuals age 12+](#)

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](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.

- [Testing for COVID-19](#)

Testing is our best tool to identify those who have been exposed and slow the uptick in cases. Anyone experiencing even mild symptoms should get tested, as well as anyone who has had a close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19. Testing is encouraged regardless of vaccination status. <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing>



HOW YOU CAN SLOW THE SPREAD OF DELTA | COVID-19 |

- If you're a community or business leader, **encourage vaccination and masking** to help prevent further spread of **Delta**, especially in areas of **high or substantial transmission**.
- If you're a teacher, staffer, student, or parent of a student, **wear a mask at school**, even if you're fully vaccinated.