

COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

September 3, 2021:

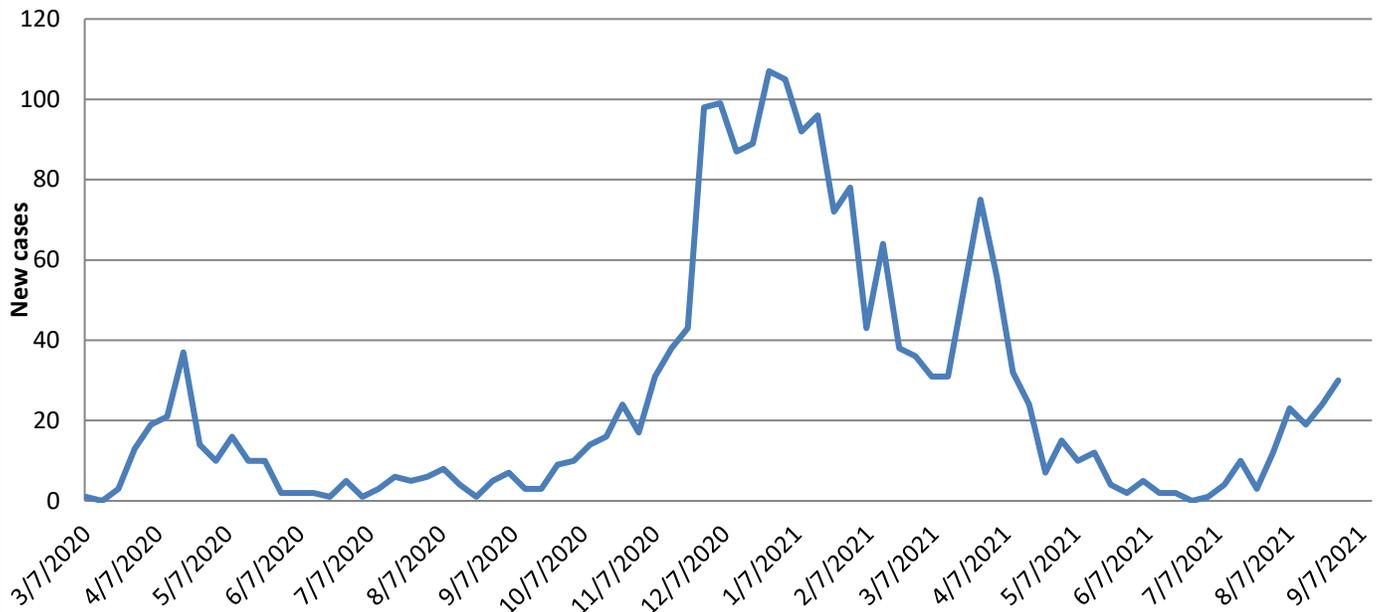
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).



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

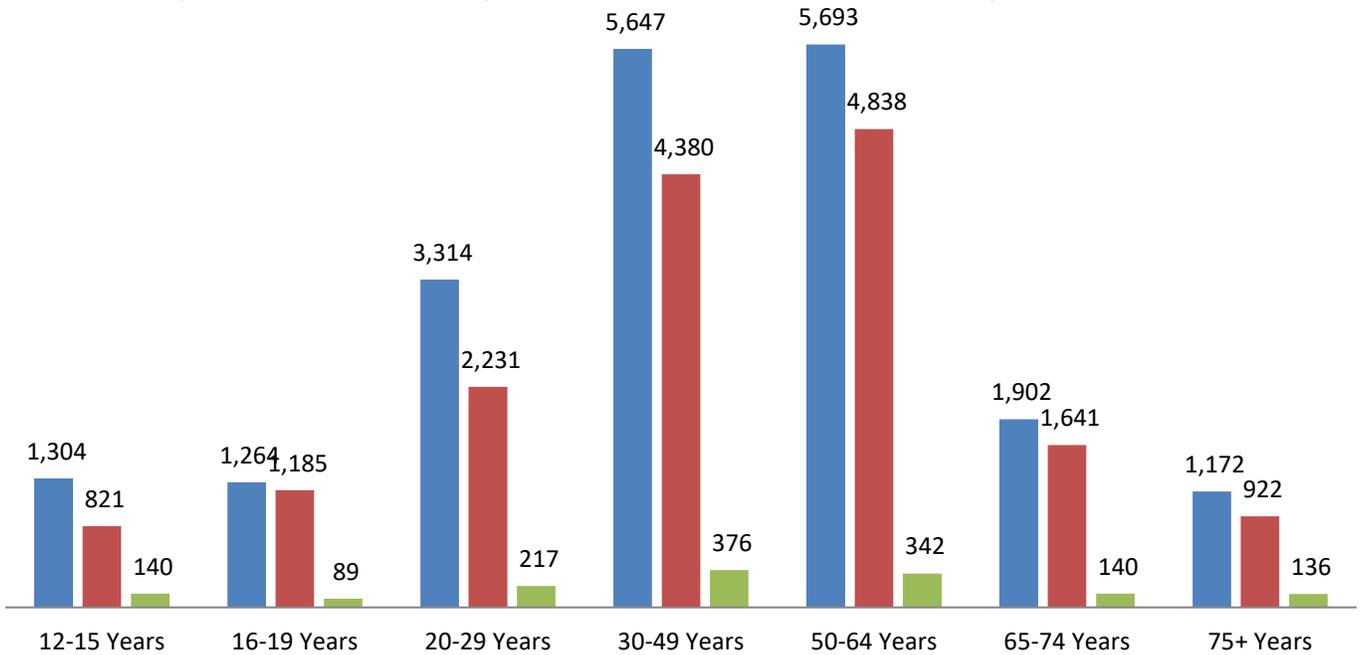
<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#	
Positive COVID-19 under isolation	38	(updated 9/03 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	1956	
Total tested positive since beginning:	2018	
Covid-19 Related Deaths	24	Last Covid death in Mansfield 04/21/21

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



Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield as of September 2, 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

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Hampshire	High
Middlesex	High
Nantucket	High
Norfolk	High
Plymouth	High
Suffolk	High
Worcester	High

- [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>

- [Participate in Outdoor and Indoor Activities](#)

If you want to spend time with people who don't live with you, outdoors is the safer choice! You are less likely to be exposed to COVID-19 during outdoor activities, even without the use of masks.

Why Outside is a Safer Choice

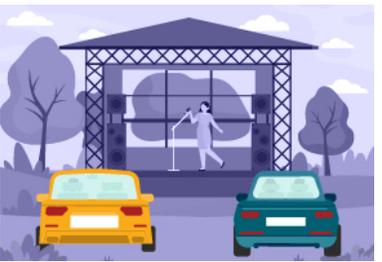
COVID-19 spreads more easily indoors than outdoors. Studies show that people are more likely to be exposed to COVID-19 when they are closer than 6 feet apart from others for longer periods of time.

You are **more likely to be exposed** to COVID-19 when you

- Attend crowded, poorly ventilated indoor events
- Have close contact with infected people at home

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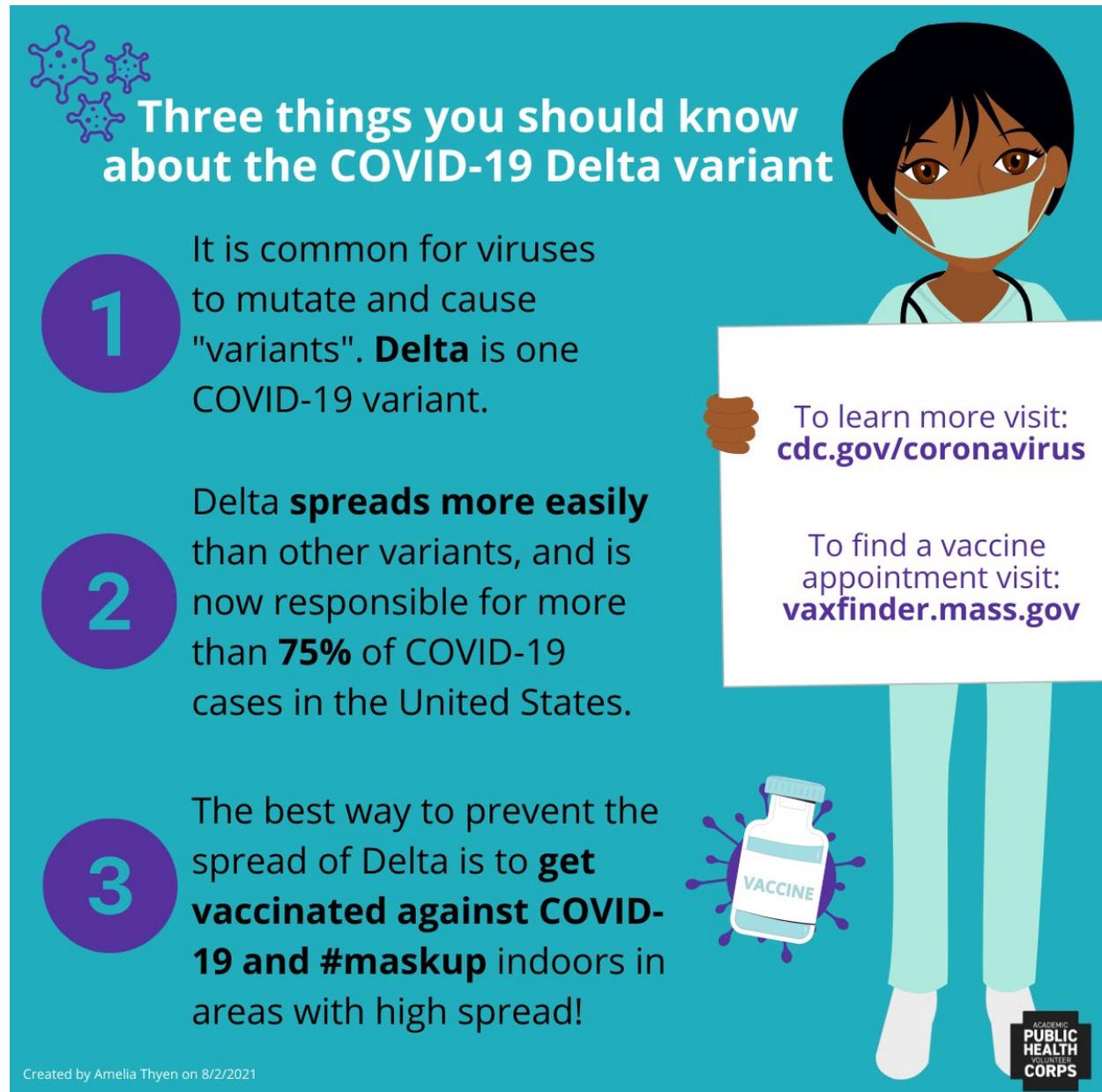
- Attend outdoor activities
- Stay at least 6 feet apart
- Limit the amount of time spent with people who don't live with you

Activity	Safer-Outdoor Activities	Less Safe- Indoor Activities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside, at least 6 feet apart • If you can't stay at least 6 feet apart from people who don't live with you, wear your mask. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inside, at least 6 feet apart • Well ventilated room • Wearing mask
<p>Exercise</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run, walk, or bike at your neighborhood park • Hike on local trails • Take your dog for a walk around the neighborhood • Participate in an outdoor yoga class • Work in the garden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise at a fitness center • Walk around the mall during off hours • Attend a class at a yoga studio • Swim at your local pool
<p>Restaurants</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick up curbside meals • Get food delivered • Eat outside at a restaurant where the tables are at least 6 feet apart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eat inside at a restaurant
<p>Visiting or hosting people who don't live with you</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a picnic at a park • Play kickball in a friend's backyard • Roast marshmallows by a firepit • Have an outdoor barbeque 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch movies • Play games • Chat with your friends
<p>Entertainment</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to a drive-in • Listen to an outdoor concert from your car • Create your own outdoor movie party 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch a movie at a theater • Watch a musical performance • Watch a play

- [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.



Three things you should know about the COVID-19 Delta variant

- 1 It is common for viruses to mutate and cause "variants". **Delta** is one COVID-19 variant.
- 2 Delta **spreads more easily** than other variants, and is now responsible for more than **75%** of COVID-19 cases in the United States.
- 3 The best way to prevent the spread of Delta is to **get vaccinated against COVID-19** and **#maskup** indoors in areas with high spread!

To learn more visit:
cdc.gov/coronavirus

To find a vaccine appointment visit:
vaxfinder.mass.gov

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