

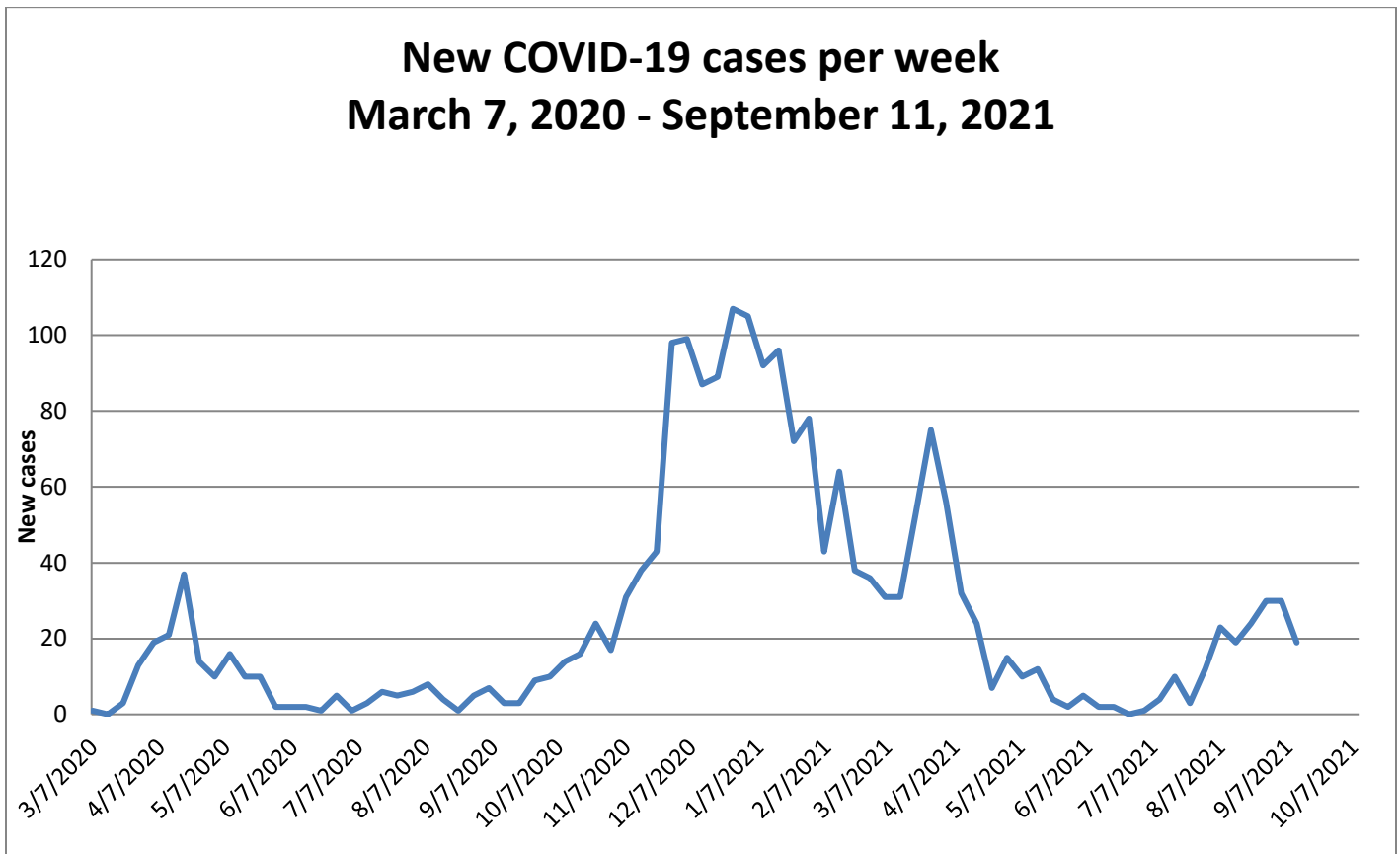
COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

September 15, 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](#).

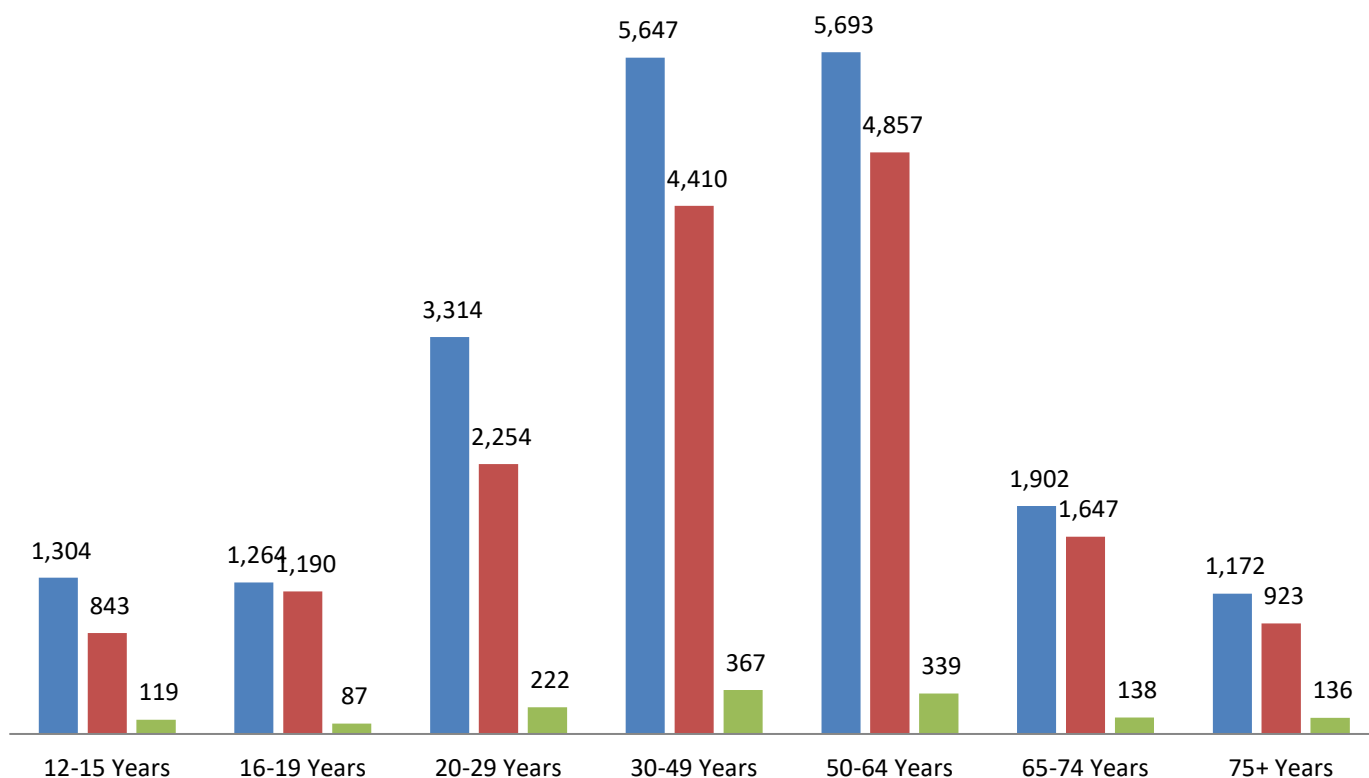
- **As of today, please see the below chart that represents our communities COVID-19 relates cases:**

<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#	
Positive COVID-19 under isolation	27	(updated 9/15 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	2010	
Total tested positive since beginning:	2061	
Covid-19 Related Deaths	24	Last Covid death in Mansfield 04/21/21



Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield as of Sept. 9, 2021

■ Population ■ Fully vaccinated individuals ■ Partially vaccinated individuals



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

When should I get tested for COVID-19?

- [Testing for COVID-19](#)

Testing is our best tool to identify those who have been exposed and slow the uptick in cases. You should get tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms or you've been exposed to someone with COVID-19, even if you're fully vaccinated. If you've had COVID-19 in the past 3 months and you've been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you don't need to get tested if you don't have new symptoms.

Testing is encouraged regardless of vaccination status.

<https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing>



cdc.gov/coronavirus

- [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	High
Hampden	High

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



- [Steps Everyone Can Take to Make Gatherings Safer](#)



If you are attending a gathering, think about the steps you need to take to [protect yourself and your loved ones](#) from COVID-19.

- If you are not fully vaccinated and aged 2 or older, you should wear a mask in indoor public places.
- In general, you do not need to wear a mask in outdoor settings.
 - In areas with [high numbers of COVID-19 cases](#), consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with [close contact](#) with others who are not fully vaccinated.
- People who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system may not be fully protected even if they are fully vaccinated. They should continue to take all [precautions recommended for unvaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitted mask](#), until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider.
- If you are fully vaccinated, 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](#).
- If you are fully vaccinated, see [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated](#).

Know how to protect your family if you have [members who are vaccinated and unvaccinated](#).

- [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.

Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccines are safe

COVID-19 Vaccines:

- Were developed using science that has been around for decades.
- Are not experimental. They went through all the required stages of clinical trials.
- Have received and continue to undergo the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history.



COVID-19 vaccination is a safer way to help build protection

- Get vaccinated regardless of whether you already had COVID-19. Studies have shown that vaccination provides a strong boost in protection in people who have recovered from COVID-19.
- COVID-19 is still a threat to people who are unvaccinated. Some people who get COVID-19 can become severely ill, which could result in hospitalization, and some people have ongoing health problems several weeks.

Immunity after COVID-19 vaccination

- There is still a lot we are learning about COVID-19 vaccines. We don't know how long protection lasts for those who are vaccinated.
- What we do know is that COVID-19 has caused very serious illness and death for a lot of people.
- If you get COVID-19, you also risk giving it to loved ones who may get very sick. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is a safer choice.
- At this time, there are limited data on vaccine effectiveness in people who are immunocompromised, including those taking immunosuppressive medications.

None of the COVID-19 vaccines can make you sick with COVID-19

None of the COVID-19 vaccines contain the live virus that causes COVID-19 so a COVID-19 vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19.



COVID-19 vaccines are effective

COVID 19-vaccines:

- Are effective. They can keep you from getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19.
- Protect people around you, particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.



Source: CDC
Link: <https://bit.ly/3B7D6A4>