

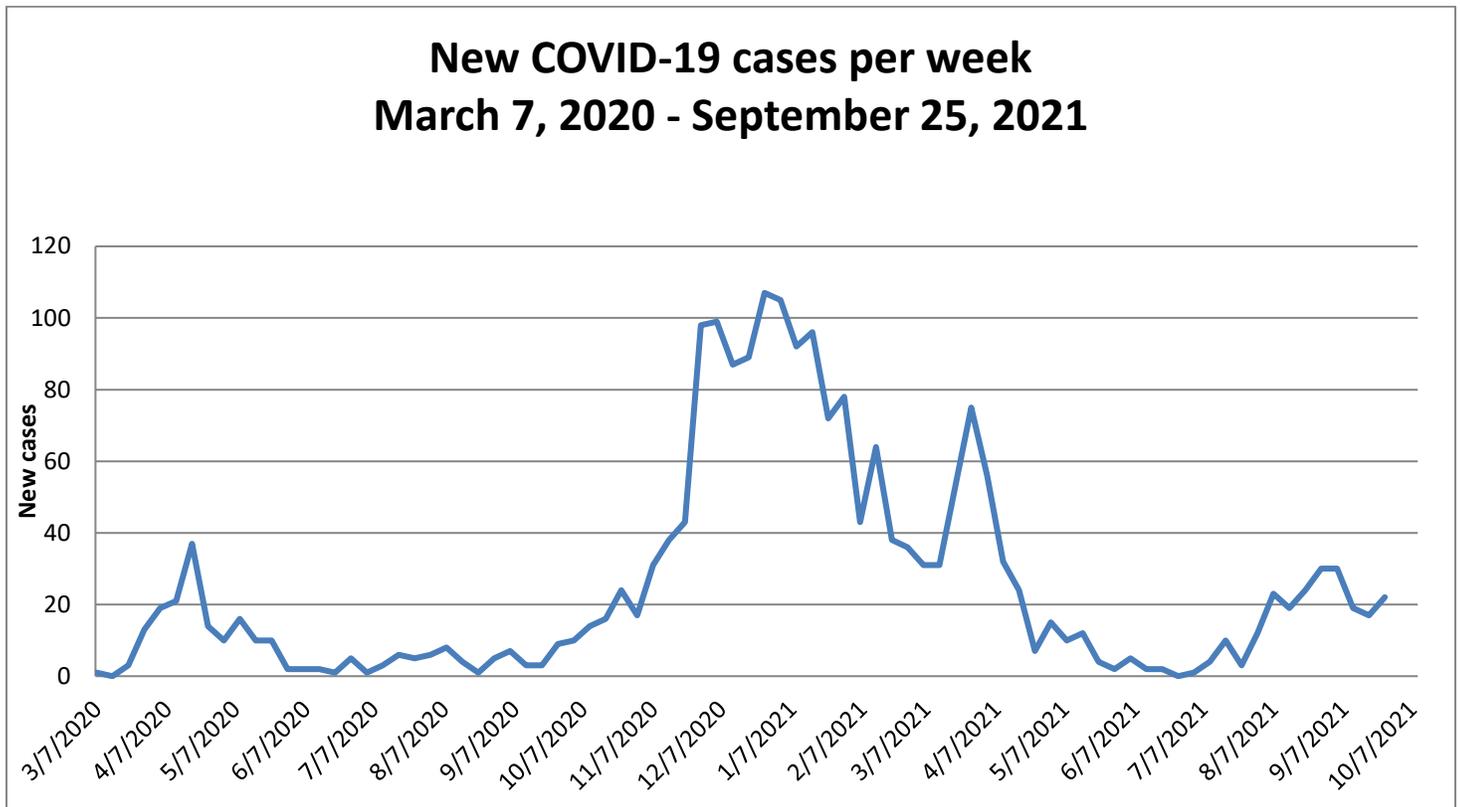
COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

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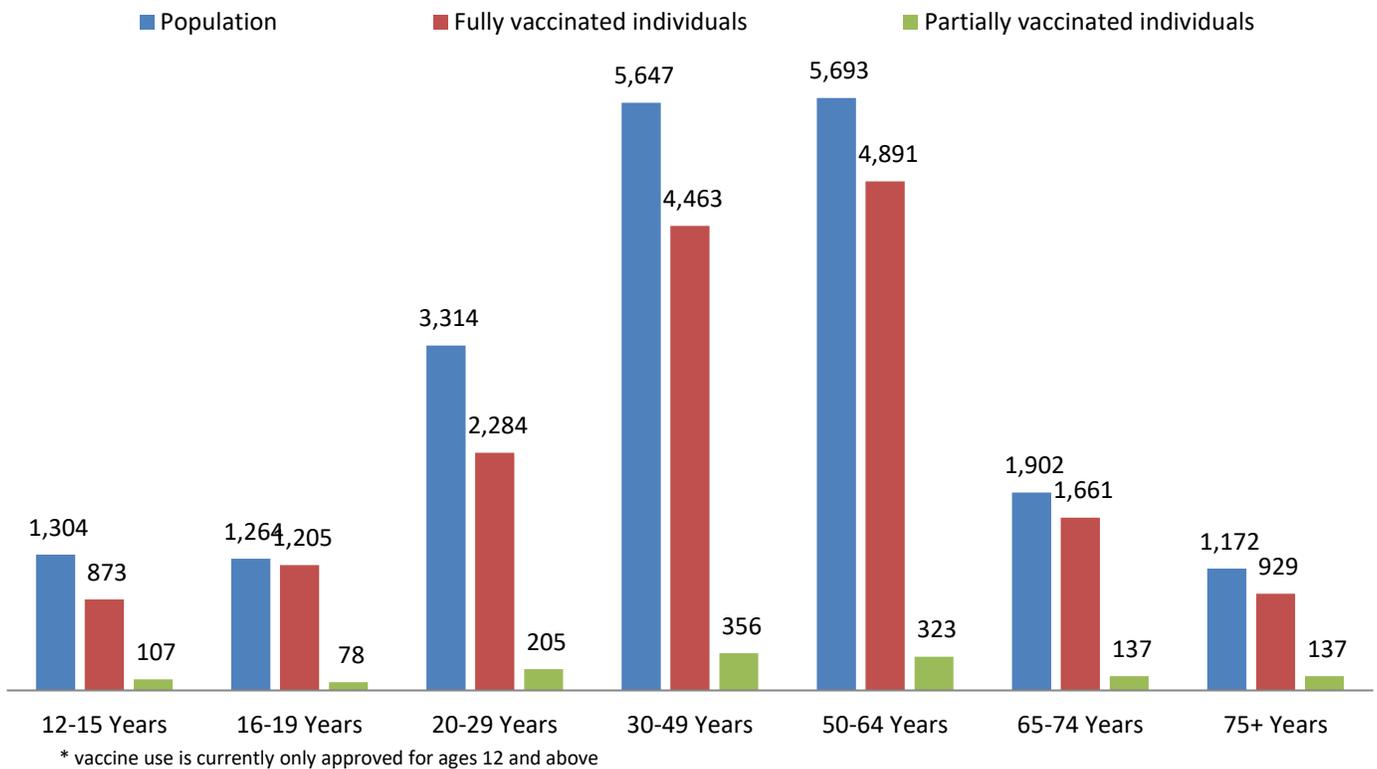
The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).

- **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	26	(updated 9/27 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	2051	
Total tested positive since beginning:	2101	
Covid-19 Related Deaths	24	Last Covid death in Mansfield 04/21/21



Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield as of Sept 23, 2021



- [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shot](#)

CDC recommends **people in the following groups MAY receive a booster dose of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 Vaccine at least 6 months** after completion of their 2-dose Pfizer series based on their individual benefits and risks:

- People ages 18–49 with underlying medical conditions
- People ages 18–64 at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure because of the setting they work or live in



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), as well as the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) have authorized the Pfizer COVID-19 Booster for individuals 65 years of age and older, individuals 18-64 years of age at risk for severe COVID-19 due to underlying medical conditions, and individuals 18-64 years of age who are at increased risk for COVID-19 because of occupational or institutional settings who have previously received the Pfizer vaccine. These residents are eligible to receive their booster shot at least 6 months after their second dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

Massachusetts leads the nation in vaccine administration. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe

and effective in reducing the risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death, including against the widely circulating Delta variant. The CDC recommends that protection from COVID-19 is improved with the addition of a booster shot, especially for individuals at higher risk. The Administration has worked with health care providers, retail pharmacies and community partners to ensure the availability of hundreds of locations for eligible residents to receive the authorized Pfizer COVID-19 booster.

Similar to the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, Massachusetts residents will have a range of options to receive Pfizer COVID-19 booster doses, including more than 460 retail pharmacies. The Administration will continue to make vaccines widely available. The first priority is to increase administration of first and second doses in residents not yet vaccinated. Getting vaccinated remains the most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves, their families, and their community. Second, fully vaccinated residents should receive a COVID-19 booster shot when they are eligible and as authorized by the CDC. At this time, only the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine has been authorized as a booster.

In order to locate a convenient location for getting a Pfizer COVID-19 Booster:

Visit vaxfinder.mass.gov for a full list of hundreds of locations to receive a booster.

Select a location and schedule an appointment online

Individuals who are unable to use vaxfinder, or have difficulty accessing the internet, please contact the COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Line (Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday 9AM-2PM) by calling **2-1-1** and following the prompts. The COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Line is available in English and Spanish and has translators available in approximately 100 additional languages.

The COVID-19 booster is safe, effective, and free. You do not need an ID or health insurance to access a booster. Additional information on the COVID-booster, including FAQs, can be found at mass.gov/COVID19booster

The quickest and easiest way to schedule a COVID-19 booster appointment or check availability in your area is to use the online system at vaxfinder.mass.gov

To learn when you are eligible for a booster shot, review your Vaccination Record Card for the date of your second shot of COVID vaccine. If you do not have your vaccination record, contact your primary care provider or the retail pharmacy where you were vaccinated. If that is not an option, visit mass.gov/myvaxrecord to learn how to request a copy of your immunization record. ***Please note this request could take up to 2 weeks.*

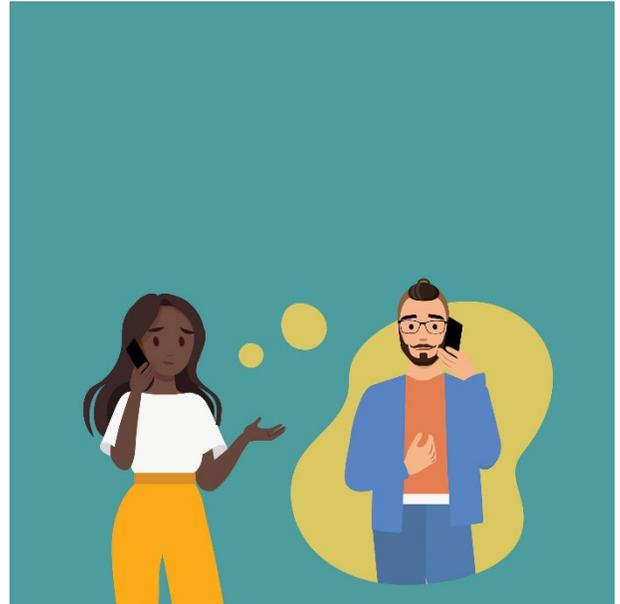
- [Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19 for individuals age 12+](#)

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.

The amount of information—and misinformation—about COVID-19 vaccines can be overwhelming.

Help your friends and family who have questions about the vaccines by listening to their concerns without judgment. Identify the root of their concerns. Acknowledge their emotions so they know they've been heard.



More: <https://bit.ly/3cE25OH>. [#BringDownBarriers](#)

- [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	Substantial
Essex	High
Franklin	High
Hampden	High

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

- [Testing for COVID-19](#)

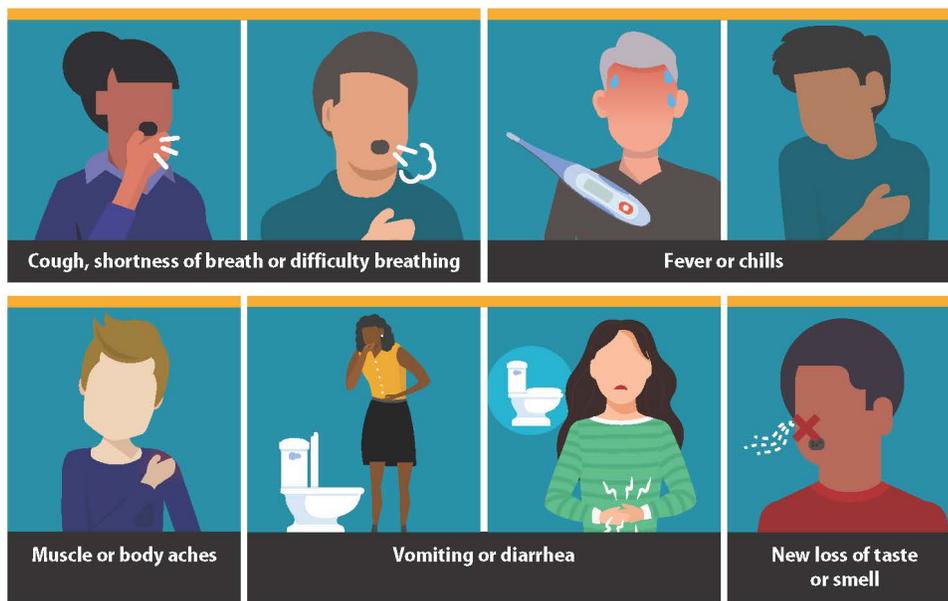
Testing is our best tool to identify those who have been exposed and slow the uptick in cases. You should get tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms or you've been exposed to someone with COVID-19, even if you're fully vaccinated. If you've had COVID-19 in the past 3 months and you've been exposed 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>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2–14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

Seek medical care immediately if someone has Emergency Warning Signs of COVID-19

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



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cdc.gov/coronavirus

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