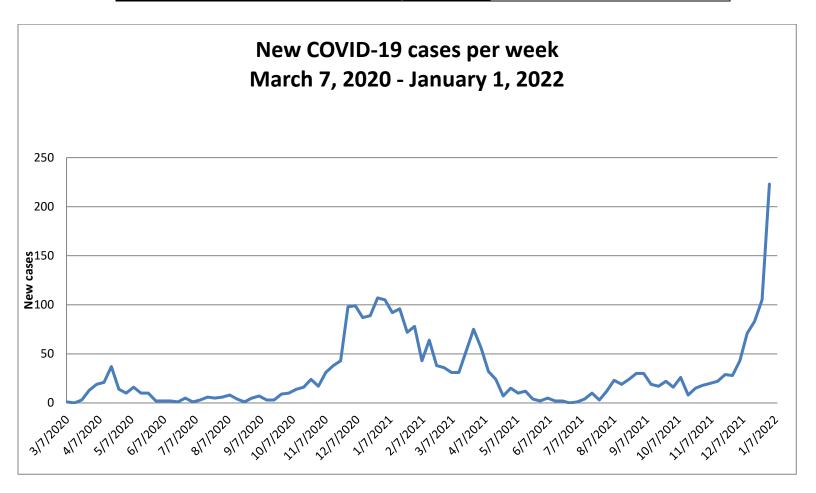
# **COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19**

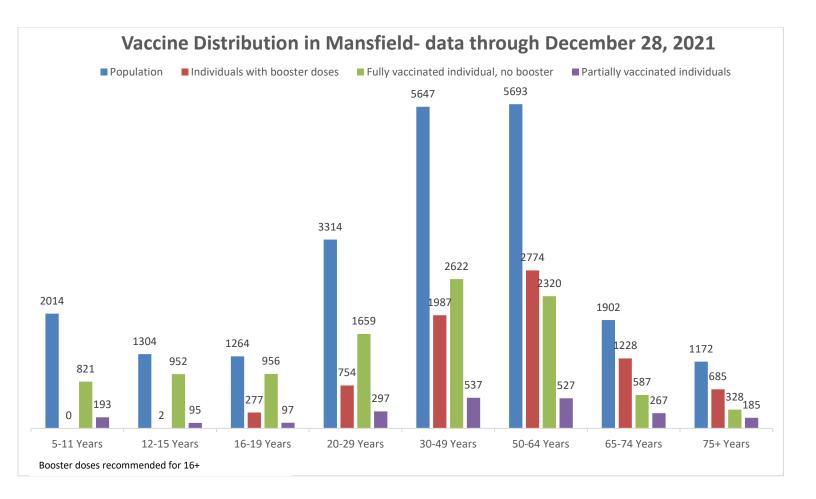
#### January 4, 2022:

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	289	(updated 01/04 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	2689	
Total tested positive since beginning:	3007	
Covid-19 Related Deaths	29	Last Covid death in Mansfield 12/20/21





# Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19 for individuals age 5+

People age 5+ 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.

# COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots

Find out when you are eligible for a COVID-19 Booster:

- You can check if you're eligible for a booster at <a href="http://mass.gov/BoosterCheck">http://mass.gov/BoosterCheck</a>
- If you are eligible, visit <a href="http://vaxfinder.mass.gov">http://vaxfinder.mass.gov</a> for a list of locations to receive a booster (or call 2-1-1)
- More info on the boosters can be found at <u>COVID-19 booster frequently asked questions</u> | <u>Mass.gov</u>

## 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 <a href="https://example.com/here-to-commends-new-to-commends-ne

County	COVID transmission	
	level	
Barnstable	High	
Berkshire	High	
Bristol	High	
Dukes	High	
Essex	High	
Franklin	High	
Hampden	High	
Hampshire	High	
Middlesex	High	
Nantucket	High	
Norfolk	High	
Plymouth	High	
Suffolk	High	
Worcester	High	

Bristol County, Massachusetts  State Health Department			
7-day Metrics   7-day Percent Change			
Community Transmission	High		
Everyone in <b>Bristol County, Massachusetts</b> should wear a mask in public, indoor settings. Mask requirements might vary from place to place. Make sure you follow local laws, rules, regulations or guidance.  How is community transmission calculated?			
	January 4, 2022		
Cases	4,191		
Case Rate per 100k	741.49		
% Positivity	13.02%		

% of population ≥ 5 years of age fully

**New Hospital Admissions** 

Data from CDC COVID Data Tracker

35

64.9%

141

# Mask Advisory for Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Residents

**Effective December 21, 2021:** In response to the spread of the Delta variant and the emerging Omicron variant, the Department of Public Health now advises that all residents, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask or face covering when indoors (and not in your own home). The DPH particularly urges this recommendation if you have a weakened immune system, or if you are

Deaths

vaccinated

at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated.

This advisory may change based on public health data and further guidance from the CDC.



## • Testing for COVID-19

CDC's online COVID-19 Viral Testing Tool can help you understand your COVID-19 testing options. Get started: <a href="https://bit.ly/covid-testing-tool">https://bit.ly/covid-testing-tool</a>.

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. <a href="https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing">https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing</a>

The Town of Mansfield does not have any public testing or self-test kits available at this time. Please check the <u>Mansfield Health Department Coronavirus Information webpage</u> for updates.

#### • COVID-19 Self-tests

Self-tests may be used if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed or potentially exposed to an individual with COVID-19.

Even if you don't have symptoms and have not been exposed to an individual with COVID-19, using a self-test before gathering indoors with others can give you information about the risk of spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. This is especially important before gathering with <u>unvaccinated children</u>, <u>older individuals</u>, those who are <u>immunocompromised</u>, or <u>individuals at risk of severe disease</u>.

There are CDC videos available to learn more about self-tests.

<u>How To Use a Self-Test - YouTube</u> <u>How To Interpret Self-Test Results - YouTube</u>

More information can be found here: Self-Testing | CDC

# Mansfield Public School COVID information and dashboard

For information about the schools and COVID, please see their School Health and COVID Information webpage: <a href="https://sites.google.com/mansfieldschools.com/covid-19/home">https://sites.google.com/mansfieldschools.com/covid-19/home</a>

For more information about how to keep kids safe in school: School Settings | COVID-19 | CDC

## • Enable MassNotify on your smartphone

Add your phone to the fight. Know if you've been exposed and help stop the spread of COVID-19.

MassNotify is a 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.

- By opting in, your device will share anonymous codes with other MassNotify users using your phone's Bluetooth.
- MassNotify codes contain no personal information or location data and are completely anonymous.
- If another user you've been near tests positive for COVID-19 within a 14-day period, you will be notified. If you test positive, you can easily and anonymously notify others to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Learn how to enable MassNotify on your phone.

Requesting a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination record

There are several options to request a copy of your COVID-19 Vaccination Record. Please go to Requesting a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination record | Mass.gov for more information.