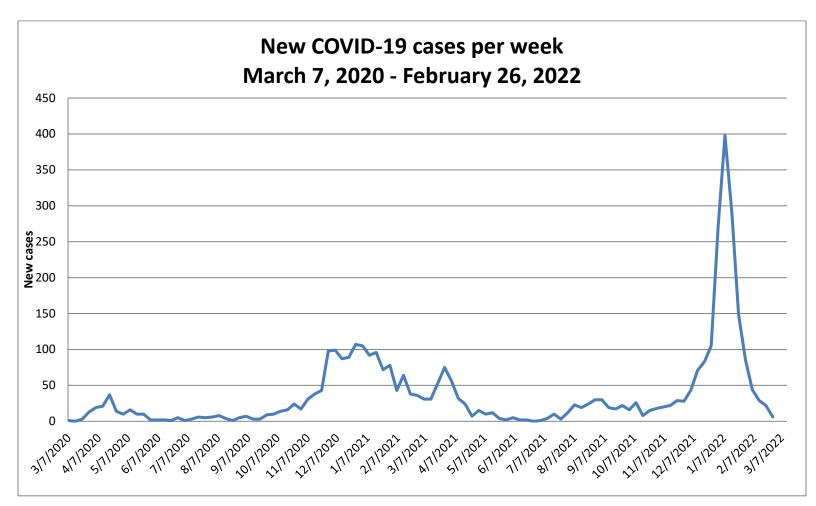
# **COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19**

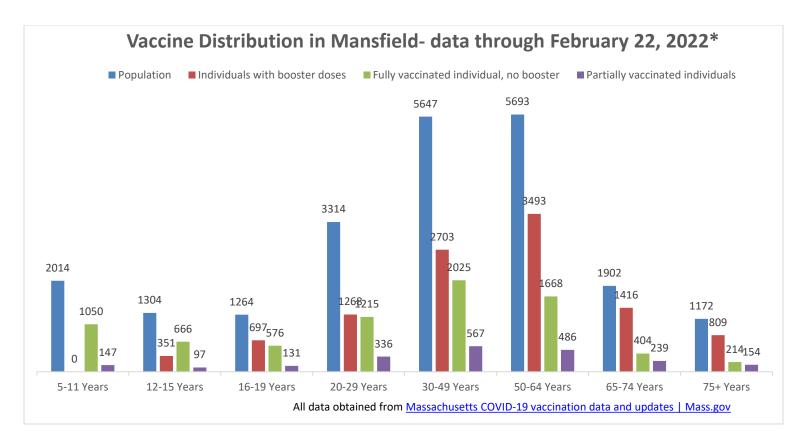
# March 3, 2022:

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	16	(updated 03/03 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	4088	
Total tested positive since beginning:	4136	
Covid-19 Related Deaths	32	Last Covid death in Mansfield 2/15/22

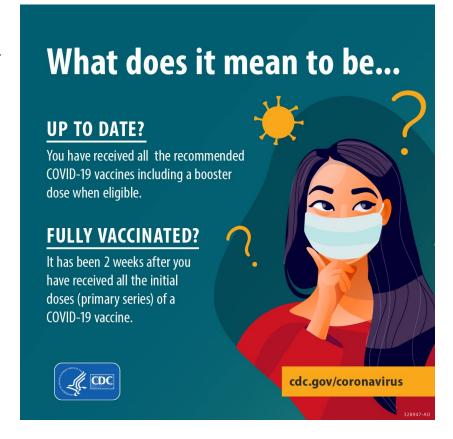




\*The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends that <u>Americans stay "up to date" with COVID-19 vaccines</u>, rather than be "fully vaccinated." Up to date means a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible. Fully vaccinated means a person has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.

You're up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations when you've received all your recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including a booster when you are eligible.

Check to see what's recommended for you: https://bit.ly/3u3wsHF.



Bristol County COVID-19 Community Level is identified as LOW

<u>COVID-19 Community Levels</u> are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at

hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.

#### In **Bristol County**, community level is **Low**.

- Stay <u>up to date</u> with COVID-19 vaccines
- <u>Get tested</u> if you have symptoms

People may choose to mask at any time.

People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. If you are immunocompromised, learn more about how to protect yourself.

# WHAT'S A COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL?

- It's a new tool to help communities decide what prevention measures to take based on the latest data
- Every community in the United States is classified as:

## Low Limited impact on healthcare system, low levels of severe illness

# Medium

Some impact on healthcare system, more people with severe illness

# High

High potential for healthcare system strain; high level of severe illness



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#### What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID-19 Community Level?

Community Burden Levels			
Low	Medium	High	
<ul> <li>Stay <u>up to date</u> with COVID- 19 vaccines</li> <li><u>Get tested</u> if you have symptoms</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions</li> <li>Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines</li> <li>Get tested if you have symptoms</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Wear a mask indoors in public</li> <li>Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines</li> <li>Get tested if you have symptoms</li> <li>Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness</li> </ul>	

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COVID-19 Community Level designations throughout Massachusetts as of February 24th:

County	COVID-19 Community Level
Barnstable	Low
Berkshire	Medium
Bristol	Low
Dukes	Low
Essex	Low
Franklin	Medium
Hampden	Low

County	COVID-19 Community Level
Hampshire	Medium
Middlesex	Low
Nantucket	Medium
Norfolk	Low
Plymouth	Low
Suffolk	Medium
Worcester	Medium

Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19 for individuals age 5+

# **Important Links for Vaccination:**

- MA COVID-19 Vaccine Information: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccine-information">www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccine-information</a>
- Find a Vaccine Location, including boosters: <a href="www.vaxfinder.mass.gov">www.vaxfinder.mass.gov</a>
- COVID-19 Vaccine frequently asked questions: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions">www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions</a>
- COVID-19 vaccine booster shots, ages 12+: <a href="www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html">www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html</a>
- COVID-19 booster frequently asked questions: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-booster-frequently-asked-questions">www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-booster-frequently-asked-questions</a>
- Generate a COVID-19 digital vaccine card: <a href="www.mass.gov/massachusetts-vaccination-records">www.mass.gov/massachusetts-vaccination-records</a>
- Request a copy of your vaccine record: <a href="www.mass.gov/info-details/requesting-a-copy-of-your-covid-19-vaccination-record">www.mass.gov/info-details/requesting-a-copy-of-your-covid-19-vaccination-record</a>
- Isolation and Quarantine Guidance for the General Public

#### **Important Links for Isolation and Quarantine:**

- Mansfield COVID information: www.mansfieldma.com/601/Covid-Information
- COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Guidance for the General Public: <a href="www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-isolation-and-quarantine-guidance-for-the-general-public">www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-isolation-and-quarantine-guidance-for-the-general-public</a>
- How To Talk To Your Close Contacts: <a href="www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/tell-your-contacts.html">www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/tell-your-contacts.html</a>
- Enable MassNotify on your smartphone: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/enable-massnotify-on-your-smartphone">www.mass.gov/info-details/enable-massnotify-on-your-smartphone</a>
- Mansfield Public School COVID information and dashboard

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

# Public Health Advisory regarding COVID-19 Testing

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health advises all residents to seek COVID-19 tests when exhibiting <u>COVID symptoms</u>, or five days following a known close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID pursuant to MA DPH quarantine and isolation protocols, updated in accordance with the new CDC guidance.

#### **Important Links for Testing:**

- CDC's online COVID-19 Viral Testing Tool: https://bit.ly/covid-testing-tool
- MA DPH COVID-19 Testing information: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing">https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing</a>
- Find a COVID-19 Test: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test">https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test</a>
- Using a COVID-19 Self-Test: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/using-a-covid-19-self-test">https://www.mass.gov/info-details/using-a-covid-19-self-test</a>
- CDC COVID-19 Testing: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html</a>
- Order free At-Home COVID-19 Tests: <a href="https://special.usps.com/testkits">https://special.usps.com/testkits</a>

## COVID-19 Mask Requirements

#### Mask Advisory for Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Residents

**Effective March 1, 2022**: The CDC updated its guidance on mask wearing and announced that it is no longer requiring that masks be worn on school buses or vans for K-12 and child care programs and public outdoors at transportation settings.

Download: <u>Updated Advisory Regarding Face Coverings PDF</u> <u>DOC</u>

**Effective February 15, 2022:** A fully vaccinated individual should wear a mask indoors if you have a weakened immune system, or if you are 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. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a mask indoors.

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#### Mask Requirements in Certain Locations

Effective May 29, 2021, masks continue to be required for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals at all times in the following locations: On Public and Private Transportation; Healthcare facilities; Congregate care facilities; Emergency shelter programs; Houses of Correction, Department of Correction prisons, jails, and other correctional facilities; Health Care and Day Services and Programs operated, licensed, certified, regulated, or funded by the Commonwealth including the Executive Office of Health and Human Services or one of its agencies; and Home health care workers.

# Important Links for Masks and Respirators:

- COVID-19 Mask Information: www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-mask-information
- Types of Masks and Respirators: <a href="www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html">www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html</a>

- Your Guide to Masks: <a href="www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html">www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html</a>
- Improve How Your Mask Protects You: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/effective-masks.html">www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/effective-masks.html</a>
- Types of Masks and Respirators: <a href="www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html">www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html</a>