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Today, Wellesley Health Department received notification from the MA Department of Public Health (MDPH), that there is a presumptive positive case of Coronavirus in a Wellesley resident. The resident is self-isolating at home per recommendation of MDPH.

The Wellesley case is one of three presumed positive cases in Norfolk County that are linked to a recent Biogen event. This individual was identified by the company as having close contact with a person who became ill after the meeting.

The resident has children in the Wellesley public school system who are asymptomatic. The family is following self-quarantine protocol provided by MDPH.

Out of an abundance of caution, the Superintendent of Wellesley Public Schools made the decision to release students early from two schools, in order to thoroughly clean and sanitize these buildings.

The WHD remains in regular contact with MDPH and is following the guidance of MDPH and the CDC. We are working with State officials to trace anyone who may have had contact with this presumptive case.

WHD is in close communications with Town of Wellesley administration, departments, and stakeholders. We will provide updates to the community as we obtain additional information.

For additional information please visit:

Town of Wellesley website:

<https://wellesleyma.gov/>

Wellesley Public Schools: <https://wellesleyps.org/>

MA Department of Public Health <https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Please refer to the Town of Wellesley website and these resources for continued updates on the Coronavirus.

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