



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: MARCH 24, 2020

THIS IS THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE ENTIRE TOWN OF WELLESLEY AND IS SHARED ACROSS ALL COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORMS

Here's what you need to know today.

Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

Norfolk County: 129 cases

Wellesley: 3 active cases, 6 cases completed quarantine and isolation

The Wellesley Health Department is advising residents that the actual number of COVID-19 cases does not reflect the true spread of Coronavirus in Wellesley. Please remember to adhere to Town restrictions and guidance on hand washing, social and physical distancing and congregating.

State and Town Emergency Orders in Effect.

Following Governor Baker's [emergency order](#), effective today at Noon ONLY designated businesses and organizations providing "COVID-19 Essential Services," such as grocery stores, pharmacies, and restaurants offering take-out or pick up only remain open. All non-essential businesses, retailers, and organizations are closed to workers, customers and the public until Noon on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. See the [COVID-19 Essential Business FAQs](#) from the State.

In Wellesley, **permitted exceptions** include: essential or emergency building projects; exterior construction projects (all interior building inspections are cancelled); landscaping services related to tree removal or storm clean up ONLY (private residential landscaping is deemed non-essential and is suspended until further notice); Town construction projects currently in final stages.

Recycling and Disposal Facility (RDF) Changes.

New recycling procedures to prevent congregating at the RDF take effect on Thursday, March 25, until further notice.

- Access to the recycling wall will be limited. One section of recycling bins will be closed, along with eight adjacent parking spaces. Remaining parking spaces will be alternating only to physically separate users.
- Users/cars will queue at the RDF flagpole; only ten (10) users at a time will be allowed in the recycling area. To avoid long lines, users are urged to come during non-peak days/hours (Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 10 a.m.).
- A separate lane will be available for trash only.

Residents are asked to keep RDF trips brief, to not roam the yard, and to keep children/other family members in vehicles to expedite trips.

#WellesleyWillBeWell

PPE Donation Program.

Resident donations to the Town's Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) program are outstanding!

Wellesley Fire Department officers have picked up: 900 dental/surgical masks, 55 surgical gowns, 40 N95 masks. These will be distributed to hospitals and health care workers with severe supply shortages. To donate **please call the Fire Department at 781-235-1300**. This program is **PICK-UP ONLY**. Instructions will be provided for residents to leave products in sealed bags at front doors on specific dates.

Wellesley's [MassBay Community College](#) has also donated medical supplies and equipment to local facilities. This inventory was to be used for lab and simulation classes which have been cancelled. All MassBay courses have moved to remote learning for the remainder of the spring semester.

Submit Your Questions.

The Health Department continues to respond to COVID-19 questions. Check the [Coronavirus FAQs](#) for answers to questions regularly received. Submit your own questions using our [online form](#).

Call for Assistance.

Wellesley Town Hall and all municipal buildings are closed and employees are working remotely. Please do not come to municipal buildings. Email or call these numbers for Town of Wellesley assistance.

Town Hall call: 781-431-1019

Assessor's Office ex: 2275 or email assessor@wellesleyma.gov

Building Dept. ex: 2226 or 2228 mgrant@wellesleyma.gov

NRC ex: 2294 or email bschmitt@wellesleyma.gov

Parking Clerk (parking tickets) ex: 2264 krumsey@wellesleyma.gov

Planning Dept. ex: 2232 or email dmccauley@wellesleyma.gov

Selectmen's Office ex: 2201 email sel@wellesleyma.gov

Town Clerk's Office ex:2252 kckato@wellesleyma.gov

Treasurer's Office (tax, excise payment questions) ex: 2266 mwaldman@wellesleyma.gov

Visit the [Services](#) or Directory tabs on the Town of Wellesley website to learn more.

For Department of Public Works information (including Engineering, Wellesley Municipal Light Plant, Water & Sewer, and Recycling and Disposal Facility (RDF) call: 781-235-7600

For Council on Aging assistance call: 781-235-3961

Wellesley Free Libraries call: 781-235-1610

Wellesley Public Schools call: 781-446-6210

Wellesley Housing Authority call: 781-235-0223 or visit the [Wellesley Housing Authority website](#).

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