



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: MARCH 28, 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.

Please remember that the Town of Wellesley and these updates are the official source for the best and most accurate information on Coronavirus in our community.

Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 4,257 **New Cases Today:** 1,017

Total cases in Norfolk County: 490

Total cases in Wellesley: 17 (1 new today)

Following recommendations from the Health Department, we are no longer reporting the number of recovered COVID-19 cases in Wellesley as this information does not accurately represent the number of people who have recovered.

Community spread is now occurring throughout Wellesley, and we will likely see many more reported cases in the coming days. **PLEASE!** Remain home; adhere to the community restrictions in place, especially when outside – do not gather in parks, playground areas, and playing fields as these are CLOSED; and take appropriate social distancing measures when visiting grocery stores, pharmacies and other essential businesses.

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](#).

Federal Disaster Declaration for COVID-19.

The White House and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today approved the Federal Disaster Declaration for Massachusetts. This allows local governments, state agencies and certain private non-profit organizations statewide to be reimbursed for 75% of their costs associated with response and emergency protective measures for COVID-19. This declaration will also provide funding for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health to assist individuals and families in recovering from the psychological effects of the COVID -19 outbreak through electronic phone and chat technology. [Read the announcement.](#)

#WellesleyWillBeWell

PPE Donation Program.

Support for Wellesley's PPE donation program continues to be strong. To donate **please call the Fire Department at 781-235-1300**. This program is **PICK-UP ONLY**. Please remember, following [public health guidance](#), all supplies must be sealed and clearly marked. No flammable, perishable or homemade supplies will be accepted.

The Commonwealth is using all possible resources to increase PPE distribution through all avenues without compromising on the protective specifications. Please see [Public Guidance for PPE Prioritization](#).

Reminder: Red Cross Blood Drive on April 1.

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, April 1 from 12 Noon-5 p.m. at the Wellesley Community Center. **This is by appointment only – NO WALK INS.** Call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment or go to www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter Wellesley Dental Group.

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