



## CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: APRIL 9, 2020

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

Visit Wellesley's new Coronavirus Information Hub at

[www.wellesleyma.gov/coronavirus](http://www.wellesleyma.gov/coronavirus)

### Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

**Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts:** 18,941    **New Cases Today:** 2,151

**Total cases in Norfolk County:** 2007

**Total cases in Wellesley:** 40 (4 new)

The Health Department appreciates the efforts of local grocery stores and customers to adhere to the occupancy restrictions now in place. Please understand these stores are working with limited staff; regular online delivery services and curbside pickup may be temporarily unavailable.

### REMINDER: Call Center for Non-emergency COVID-19 Assistance.

Wellesley residents who need non-emergency services can contact the **Supporting Wellesley Call Center at 781-239-0256**, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Town employees are here to help with grocery assistance, prescription delivery, non-emergency medical questions, financial assistance, or a listening ear. Callers will be connected with the appropriate Town resources or certified volunteers who can help access these services. **For all emergencies, please call 9-1-1.** [See additional services for residents.](#)

### Services for Domestic Violence and Sexual Survivors.

Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito announced expanded services for anyone not safe at home during the COVID-19 stay-at-home order. SafeLink, the Commonwealth's statewide, 24/7, toll-free and confidential domestic violence hotline, is now also providing support to survivors of sexual assault. Call the **SafeLink hotline at (877) 785-2020** to get help and advocacy. Judges are also available 24 hours a day to process restraining orders. Call the Massachusetts Trial Court help line at 1-833-91-COURT, press 1 for the District Court division. **For all emergencies, please call 9-1-1.** [See additional resources.](#)

### Apply for Jobs at COVID-19 Temporary Care Facilities.

The Commonwealth has set up temporary COVID-19 care sites and is recruiting workers for paid positions in healthcare and non-healthcare roles. Care sites are located in Eastern and Central Massachusetts and other parts of the state. Volunteer opportunities are also available. [See locations, positions and registration information.](#)

### COVID-19 Community Tracing Collaborative.

A joint program between the State and Partners in Health, the Tracing Collaborative team makes phone calls to contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases to help others who may have been potentially exposed. No names are released. Phone calls are made using the prefix 833 or 857 and are identified by caller ID as "MA COVID Team." Calls are made daily between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. [Learn more.](#)

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### **Restaurant Updates.**

Wellesley restaurants continue to offer ONLY take-out or pick-up options; some have temporarily closed completely. Select Wellesley restaurants are offering holiday menus or items that must be ordered in advance and picked up during specific hours. [Learn more.](#)

### **Town Reminders.**

As the weekend approaches, officials are again reminding residents of Town restrictions.

- At the Recycling and Disposal Facility, half of the recycling area remains closed; Sunday hours are suspended until further notice; residents are asked to get in and get out quickly to help with cars queuing.
- Town parks, playgrounds, playing fields, and Morses Pond beach and the surrounding areas remain closed.
- All Wellesley College buildings, grounds, parking lots, and Lake Waban are completely off limits to the public.

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