



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: APRIL 14, 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

Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 28,163 **New Cases Today:** 1,296

Total cases in Norfolk County: 2,969

Total cases in Wellesley: 68 (2 new)

Wellesley remains in the surge phase of the Coronavirus outbreak. Health Department officials say the case numbers reported today for the Commonwealth are slightly lower as many outdoor testing sites were closed on Monday, April 13, due to the extreme weather conditions. As testing resumes and the capacity for testing continues to increase, more spikes in COVID-19 cases are expected.

Remember to follow the restrictions currently in place. Detailed information is available on the [Town of Wellesley Orders and Advisories page](#).

Thank you again to everyone in the community for your efforts to flatten the curve and slow the spread of COVID-19. And thank you to our first responders, Department of Public Works crews, and the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant for their work to clean up our Town following yesterday's storms.

Daily Updates on Available Hospital Beds.

To combat the expected surge in COVID-19, State health officials are now posting daily updates on available hospital beds and ICU beds at local medical facilities and alternative medical sites (or "Field Hospitals") that can be used if needed. [View the hospital daily occupancy update.](#)

April Vacation Cancelled for WPS.

The School Committee announced that next week's April vacation is cancelled to help maintain the schedules and momentum currently in place for remote learning. Monday, April 20 will still be a holiday; remote learning will continue Tuesday through Friday. The scheduled last day of school for students this year will be Tuesday, June 16.

REMINDER: Pay Bills Online.

The Town has extended the due dates for real estate and personal property tax bills and applications for exemptions/deferrals for residents affected by COVID-19. [Read the Tax notification here.](#) Bills may be paid by mail; be dropped in the payment drop box in front of Town Hall; paid using your personal bank's bill payment system; or by paid using the Town's [online bill payment system.](#)

#WellesleyWillBeWell

Share Your Good News.

Yesterday we shared good news about residents sewing masks and scrub caps for first responders, health care workers and more. We know our community is responding to the Coronavirus pandemic in

so many extraordinary ways. Share your good news and good works with us and we'll post them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Be sure to follow us! Email your stories, photos, videos and more to shawkinson@wellesley.ma.gov

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