



## CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: APRIL 24, 2020

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

Visit Wellesley's Coronavirus Information Hub at [www.wellesleyma.gov/coronavirus](http://www.wellesleyma.gov/coronavirus)

### Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

**Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts:** 50,969    **New Cases Today:** 4,946

**Total cases in Norfolk County:** 4,979

**Total cases in Wellesley:** 163\* (3 new) \*65 cases in long-term care facilities

**PLEASE NOTE:** Today's State data reflects a correction of a reporting error made by Quest, a national commercial laboratory, which affected case counts in multiple states including Massachusetts. [See detailed information on the MDPH COVID-19 Dashboard.](#)

The Health Department continues to encourage all residents to wear masks or cloth face coverings when out of their homes. The department staff is following those guidelines! We're proud to highlight the outstanding (and exhausting) work they're doing every day. Thank you to resident Beth Shedd for capturing this photo as part of her *Wellesley Home-Days* series.



From left to right: Ann Marie McCauley – Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Ashley Denton – Nurse, Lenny Izzo – Health Department Director, Heidi Harper – Nurse, Krisann Miller – Nurse.

Our environmental health staff is also reaching out to local restaurants and grocery stores to remind them of proper protocols to follow when at work. All restaurants remain open for **take-out or delivery options only**. [See the list of restaurants here.](#)

### RDF COVID-19 Guidelines Remain in Effect.

The Recycling and Disposal Facility continues to remain open for residents; [COVID-19 guidelines](#) are in effect. Please try to get in, get out quickly to ensure safety for all users and workers. A few reminders:

- Avoid lines and use the facility during non-peak hours if possible (Monday-Friday, 7 am to 10 am).

- Maintain social distancing at all times. Remember, a portion of the recycling wall is closed to limit and separate users.
- Make brief, solo trips if possible; leave children and other family members home during this time.

## Resources for Residents.

### Wellesley COVID-19 Call Center.

For residents in need of services due to COVID-19. Contact the **Wellesley Call Center at 781- 239-0256**, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

### Domestic Violence Help.

**For emergencies, dial or text 9-1-1**; officers will respond even if callers do not speak.

SafeLink 24-hour Hotline: 877-782-2020

REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, 24/7 Hotline: 800-899-4000, <https://reachma.org/>

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233

### Massachusetts COVID-19 Information Line: Call 2-1-1

## REMINDER: Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund.

The Community Fund for Wellesley, an endowed fund of the Foundation for MetroWest (a tax exempt 501(c)(3), in partnership with the Wellesley Board of Selectmen, has created the **Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund** to grant funds on a rolling and rapid basis to nonprofit organizations and town departments providing critical services and support to our community. To make a donation or to learn more, please visit: [www.CFFW-COVID.org](http://www.CFFW-COVID.org)

## #WellesleyWillBeWell

### Some Good News!

For residents who began Ramadan observances yesterday, thank you for continuing to adhere to social distancing as you celebrate. Ramadan runs from April 23 to May 23.

Wellesley High School cross country runners are holding a virtual “runathon” tomorrow, Saturday, April 25, to show their support and raise funds for healthcare workers and first responders. Individuals will run as many miles as they can; the community can help by sponsoring runners. All donations will go to provide meals for healthcare workers. [Learn more or make a donation here.](#)

## Mask Up Wellesley.

The Town Finance Department is keeping safe and keeping us in the black - managing costs and critical payments during the COVID-19 crisis.



And the Fire Department continues to collect mask donations!



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