



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: MAY 7, 2020

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

Visit Wellesley's Coronavirus Information Hub at www.wellesley.ma.gov/coronavirus

Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 73,721 **New Cases Today:** 1,696

Total cases in Norfolk County: 6,729

Total cases in Wellesley: 196* (5 new)

*82 cases total in Wellesley long-term care facilities

The Health Department reports that of the five new COVID-19 cases today, three are in long-term care facilities and the remaining two are community spread. For comprehensive information and daily updates on COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts, [view the Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 Daily Dashboard.](#)

Masks or face coverings are now required in all public places statewide. Please protect yourself and others by covering your face; remember that face coverings are not a substitute for social distancing. Maintain at least 6-feet of physical distance from others at all times when indoors and outdoors.

Golf Courses Reopen with Restrictions.

Golf courses in Massachusetts can reopen immediately, but there are restrictions in place to ensure safety for players and course workers. See the [updated essential services information FAQs under "Other."](#) Restrictions include no caddies or golf carts, extended tee-time intervals of 15 minutes, no practice putting or driving range use, and social distancing of at least six feet between golfers. Course facilities including clubhouses, pro shops, restaurants, and locker rooms remain closed. Course employees are limited to those providing essential services such as groundskeeping and security. [Read more on the reopening guidelines here.](#)

Wellesley Country Club plans to reopen tomorrow. Nehoidan Golf Club on the Wellesley College campus is still preparing to open.

Remote Sales and Orders for Businesses.

Certain businesses can now bring in a small number of employees to remotely fulfill online or phone orders for delivery but must follow strict guidelines. Customers are not allowed to enter any business, and businesses are limited to no-contact delivery only, no curbside. Other business restrictions include guidelines for employees, cleaning procedures, and health checks. [Read more on the remote fulfillment guidelines here.](#)

State Contact Tracing Continues.

State officials continue to ask residents to support COVID-19 contact tracing efforts by answering calls from the Massachusetts COVID team. These calls have **833 or 857 area codes**. The Wellesley Health Department traces local cases, but residents who may have been exposed to Coronavirus outside of our community may receive calls.

#WellesleyWillBeWell

Call for Assistance.

The Town offers a number of call-in resources to support residents.

- **Wellesley Call Center.** Call **781-239-0256**, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Town employees can assist with non-emergency questions, securing food, prescription delivery, financial assistance, or a listening ear.
- **Speak with a Social Worker.** Call the Health Department at **781-489-4354** to speak with Community Social Worker Joyce Saret on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Zoom with a Selectman.

Board of Selectmen member Lise Olney is holding virtual office hours via Zoom on May 12 from 10 a.m. to Noon. Email lolney@wellesleyma.gov to request a 15-minute appointment; you will receive a response confirming your time and call-in information.

Wellesley High School Musicians Perform Virtual Symphony.

High School band, orchestra and chorus students make music to connect and inspire others. Students collaborated with the Boston band *Air Traffic Controller* in a virtual performance of the song "Blame." [Watch the video here.](#)

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