



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: MAY 22, 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: 90,889 **New Cases Today:** 805

Total cases in Norfolk County: 7,724

Total cases in Wellesley: 201* (1 new)

*82 cases total in Wellesley long-term care facilities

Positive antibody tests: 1 new, 32 total

Comprehensive information the key public health indicators for reopening is updated daily on the [Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 dashboard](#).

Reopening Guidelines.

Businesses providing essential services that are currently open and those that are planning to reopen beginning on May 25 in Phase 1 of the Massachusetts Reopening plan must meet four mandatory workplace safety standards: social distancing (including specific occupancy guidelines for businesses and offices); hygiene protocols; staffing and operations; and cleaning and disinfecting. Businesses must have and display the following documents: [COVID-19 Control Plan template](#), [Compliance attestation poster](#), [Employer](#) and [Worker](#) posters describing the safety standards in place. All employees must be trained on the control plan requirements. As PPE supplies are a condition of reopening, Town and Health officials are working to support businesses with this issue. If a business is facing a severe shortage of PPE, a limited request may be submitted to the State. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/personal-protective-equipment-ppe-during-covid-19>

In Wellesley, these businesses are permitted to reopen on **May 25**, following the specific State safety standards and any supplemental guidance from the Health Department.

- Office Spaces <https://www.mass.gov/lists/safety-standards-for-office-spaces>
- Laboratories <https://www.mass.gov/lists/safety-standards-for-laboratories>
- Hair salons and barber shops (no nail or spa services)* <https://www.mass.gov/lists/safety-standards-for-hair-salons-and-barbershops>

*See the [supplemental information from the Health Department](#)

- Pet grooming <https://www.mass.gov/lists/safety-standards-for-car-washes>
- Car washes <https://www.mass.gov/lists/safety-standards-for-car-washes>
- Some retail (limited to remote fulfilment or curbside pick-up only)*

*See Reopening information from the [National Retailer Federation](#)

- Outdoor recreation areas such as Fuller Brook Park, Centennial Reservation, Boulder Brook Reservation, the Town Forest, Town trails and walking areas at Morses Pond and the North 40 (areas which are currently open). Please remember the Morses Pond beach and swimming areas remain closed.

The Natural Resources Commission, Recreation Commission and School Committee are continuing to discuss reopening procedures for Wellesley's playing fields, sports courts, and smaller parks. These areas will NOT be open on May 25.

Wellesley restaurants continue to offer take-out, curbside and delivery options but are not open for in-house or outdoor dining service. [See more restaurant information on the Town of Wellesley website.](#)

As a reminder, gatherings are limited to 10 or less individuals in a confined space. A confined space is considered anything with a top or walls. In unconfined outdoor spaces, individuals must be able to observe social distancing (stay six feet apart.) If this is not possible, masks should be worn.

RMV Extends Service Dates.

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has extended renewal timelines for expiring motor vehicle inspection stickers, passenger plate registrations, professional credentials, and driver's licenses and learner's permits, including Commercial Driver's Licenses and Commercial Permits. Most credentials are now extended until September 2020 or beyond. Learner's permits are extended until December 2020. Expired motor vehicle and emissions stickers, and passenger plate registrations are extended until July 31, 2020. [More information is available on the RMV website.](#)

Mailed Ballots Need Extra Postage.



If you have requested and received a ballot by mail for Wellesley's 2020 Local Election, please remember the required postage is 65 cents. Voters may also drop completed ballots in the locked drop box at Town Hall located across from the bell at the entrance facing Washington Street. The election will take place on Saturday, June 13; in-person voting will be held from 8 a.m. to Noon at the Babson Recreation and Athletic Center. Thank you to the Wellesley League of Women Voters for helping promote this information.



#WellesleyWillBeWell Honoring Our Veterans.

In celebration of Memorial Day, Town officials extend our gratitude to all veterans. We especially want to recognize those veterans who passed away this year. Please see [the list of those names](#). Thank you to Wellesley Graves and Ceremonial Officer Joe Oliveri and bagpiper Rob Anderson of Wellesley for this [Memorial Day video](#). Residents are encouraged to fly their own flags on Memorial Day, post photos on social media and tag the Town of Wellesley (@TownOfWellesley). Wishing you a safe and healthy weekend.

