



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: MAY 28, 2020

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

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

Wellesley Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 94,895 New Cases Today: 675

Total cases in Norfolk County: 7,919

Total cases in Wellesley: 210* (0 new)

*82 cases total in Wellesley long-term care facilities

Positive antibody tests: 3 new, 38 total

Positive antibody tests are reported separately and are not part of the total COVID-19 case count in Wellesley. Comprehensive information about the key public health indicators for reopening Massachusetts is updated daily on the [Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 dashboard](#).

The State has enhanced its [weekly public health report for cities and towns](#) to include more local data on cases and testing, information on long term care facility cases and deaths, and nursing facility audit results. It is important to note that the COVID-19 case counts from the Health Department and the State are different due to cases reported in Wellesley where the infected individuals are not Wellesley residents.

Parks, Playing Fields and Tennis Courts Reopen for Limited Use.

Effective today, Wellesley parks, most playing fields, and public tennis courts reopened to the public for limited use. Specific guidelines are in place and signs are posted in these areas. Key restrictions include: no groups larger than 10 people; no pick-up games; no contact sports; no practices; dogs must be leashed; and all trash must be carried out. For tennis courts, every other net is removed to encourage social distancing. Playgrounds at schools and parks remain closed; public basketball courts and the Wellesley High School track and field complex are also closed. [Read the detailed guidelines for parks and fields.](#)



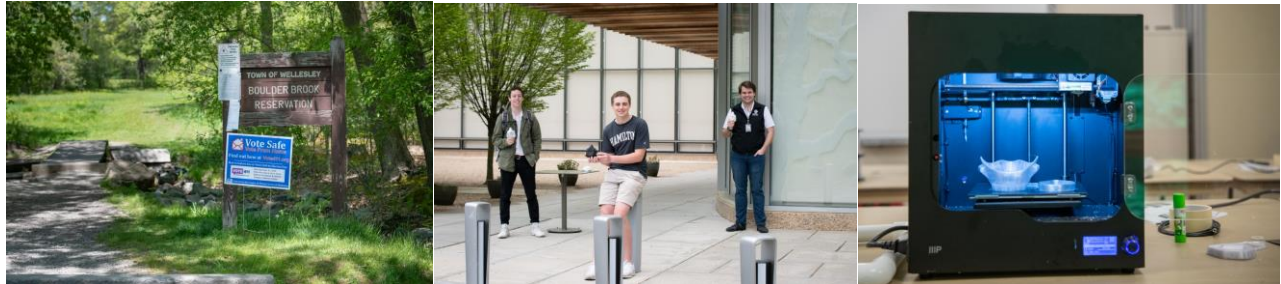
When using parks and fields, please remember to maintain social distancing of at least six feet or wear a mask if this is not possible.

2020 Boston Marathon Cancelled.

The Boston Athletic Association (BAA) announced the 2020 Boston Marathon will be held as a virtual event; for the first time in history, the in-person running of the marathon is cancelled due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. [Read the announcement here.](#) The BAA will host a series of virtual running events during the second week of September. Entry fees will be refunded for all participants who were registered for the 124th Boston Marathon. Detailed information is on the [Boston Athletic Association website.](#)

More Grants from Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund.

The Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund awarded \$5,360 in fifth round grants to two local programs. This money will fund a Wellesley League of Women Voters education campaign promoting the upcoming Local Elections on June 13, 2020 and will help the Wellesley Youth Commission purchase 3-D printers and filament for the student-led team pictured below (Ben Lublin, Seth Tobin, and Devon Barker) producing critical personal protection equipment (PPE) for local hospitals and frontline workers. [Read the grant announcement here.](#)



The Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund is a partnership between the Community Fund for Wellesley, an endowed fund of the Foundation for MetroWest, a non-profit 501c3, and the Board of Selectmen. To donate to the Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund or learn more, please visit: www.CFFW-COVID.org

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Public Safety Officers Salute the Class of 2020.

Thank you to the Wellesley Police Department for supporting our Wellesley High School graduates, both at Police Headquarters and during next week's graduation parade.



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