



## CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: JUNE 3, 2020

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

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

### Wellesley Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

**Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 101,529 New Cases Today: 429**

**Total cases in Norfolk County: 8,613**

**Total cases in Wellesley: 215 (1 new)**

82 cases total in Wellesley long-term care facilities

Positive antibody tests: 1 new, 42 total

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is now reporting both confirmed and probable cases (positive antibody tests) of COVID-1. Because of this, there has been a significant increase in the number of statewide cases and deaths. These numbers include cases dating back to March 1, 2020. [See today's COVID-19 report.](#)

Weekly reports from the State continue to expand on case and testing information, long-term care facility information, and nursing home audits from Massachusetts cities and towns. See this week's [COVID-19 cities and towns report.](#)

### Guidelines for Outdoor Recreation and Summer Sports.

Governor Baker continues to preview more Phase 2 reopening guidance, including updated rules for adult and youth sports and summer leagues. This information is a follow up to the June 1 Executive Order that provides a framework for local organized sports activities and programs. [Read the additional guidelines here.](#) The Recreation Commission is working with the Health Department to review these new guidelines.

### Reduced Restrictions for Long-term Care Outdoor Visits.

Effective today, the State has eased restrictions for family visits to long-term care facilities, rest homes, and assisted living facilities. Scheduled outdoor visits are now allowed; families should check with individual facilities for specific procedures. [Read the guidelines here.](#)

### Restaurant Reopening Information.

As part of the Executive Order clarifying Phase 2 of the reopening plan, restaurants will be allowed to offer outdoor dining at the start of this phase. Indoor dining will resume later in Phase 2. Following this order, Town officials want to assist Wellesley restaurants with temporarily expanding and/or creating outdoor dining opportunities and have established a committee to expedite this process. Interested restaurants must complete the [Temporary Outdoor Seating Permit Application](#) and follow step-by-step guidelines. [Read detailed restaurant reopening information here.](#)

## **New Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund Grants Focus on Safe Summer Entertainment.**

The Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund awarded \$16,000 in two new grants.

The Wellesley Housing Authority is using the funds to purchase splash pads for families in need to use this summer to keep cool and get outdoor exercise. A second grant will support multiple Town departments who are partnering with the Kiwanis Club of Wellesley to provide and operate drive-in movies for Wellesley families this summer. Up to ten movies will be shown in Town-owned parking lots; families can watch from their cars and listen to the sound on FM car radios. The movies will begin in early July. [Read more details here.](#)



## **Return Local Election Ballots.**

Make sure your ballot counts! Drop off your 2020 Local Election ballot at the Elections and Payment Drop Box at Town Hall before Saturday, June 13 at noon. The secure drop box is checked multiple times every day and is located outside of the Washington Street entrance to Town Hall, across from the bell. The box is identified with orange cones and marked with a green sign. Please remember that Town Hall is still closed to the public.



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