



## CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: JUNE 8, 2020

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

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

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

**Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 103,626 New Cases Today: 193**

**Total cases in Norfolk County: 8,715**

**Total cases in Wellesley: 218 (0 new)**

82 cases total in Wellesley long-term care facilities

Positive antibody tests: 1 new, 47 total

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is now reporting both confirmed and probable cases (positive antibody tests) of COVID-19. 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.](#)

### State Enters Phase 2.

The Commonwealth moved to Phase 2 of the plan to reopen Massachusetts. This Phase includes a two-step plan with some businesses and activities permitted to reopen effective today, and others permitted to reopen at a later date to be determined. Businesses reopening in **Step 1** of this Phase include: retailers with occupancy limits; childcare facilities and day camps with specific guidelines; restaurants with outdoor dining only; hotels and other lodgings, no events, functions or meetings; personal services with no close contact such as home cleaning, window washing, educational tutoring; youth and amateur sports with restrictions; outdoor recreation facilities; professional sports practices, no games; youth educational classes with restrictions; outdoor historical spaces; and more.

Businesses reopening in **Step 2** of this plan include indoor dining at restaurants and close-contact personal services with restrictions (such as nail and skin care, massage therapy, tanning salons, and more). [Read more information about Phase 2 here.](#)

### Leash Law Eased; Playgrounds to Reopen.

As the Town moves to Phase 2, the Animal Control officer has eased the pet leash law. Going forward, dogs may be exercised off leash in open space and conservation areas, unless otherwise marked, as long as they remain under the voice control of their owners. Please remember that pets must be on a leash when on Town streets and sidewalks. [Read complete Animal Control regulations here.](#)

Wellesley playgrounds and other outdoor recreation areas will reopen later this week. Town and Health officials are finalizing guidelines that will be posted in these areas to ensure the safety of all users. As it is not possible to regularly clean these areas, users are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer and wash hands frequently.

### Reserve Your Spot at Morses Pond.

Morses Pond is now open to **residents only** for unguarded swimming; there will be **NO LIFEGUARDS** on duty. Residents may pre-register, online, for two-hour time blocks in order to swim and enjoy the

Morses Pond beach. Registrations are accepted up to three days in advance. [Visit the Recreation Department website for complete information.](#)

### **Vote by Mail Update.**

Make your vote count! Wellesley's Local Election is scheduled for Saturday, June 13. Please return Town election ballots to the Elections & Payment Drop Box outside of Town Hall (across from the bell). Ballots must be received by the Town Clerk's Office no later than noon on June 13th. Currently US mail service is 2-3 days for delivery. In-person voting will take place on June 13 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Babson College Recreation and Athletic Complex.

### **Masks for Elderly or Medically Vulnerable.**

The Wellesley Fire Department is providing medical grade KN95 masks to senior residents and those who are medically vulnerable to use for high-risk activities such as grocery store trips and doctor visits. As the supply has increased, residents aged 60 and over may request a mask. Please contact the Fire Department directly at 781-235-1300.

### **Class of 2020 Graduation Celebration!**

Wellesley High School officially graduated more than 380 seniors on Saturday, June 6 with a rolling ceremony that was a celebration from start to finish.

[Watch this Wellesley Media video of the festivities.](#)

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