



## CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: AUGUST 26, 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)

**Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts:** 117,085

[View the COVID-19 daily dashboard.](#)

**Total confirmed positive cases in Wellesley:** 268 (8 new cases in the past 14 days)

**Average Daily Incidence Rate/100,000:** 1.9 (past 14 days)

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health continues to provide enhanced COVID-19 data on every community in the Commonwealth, using an interactive map with stoplight colors red (high risk), yellow (moderate risk), green and white (low risk) to determine risk levels. [View the COVID-19 community level map.](#) Wellesley remains in the green (low risk) category with less than 4 cases per 100,000 residents. Our average daily incidence rate per 100,000 has increased to 1.9. Health officials say this increase is partially attributed to returning college students and to cases who may have a Wellesley address but are not currently living in Town. Read the [COVID-19 Weekly Health Report by community.](#)

### REMINDER: Drop Off Ballots for the September 1 Election.

Residents are encouraged to hand-deliver ballots for the 2020 Election to avoid mail delays. Wellesley is holding a dual election on September 1; voters are casting ballots for the State Primary and for the Town Special Election to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Selectmen. Completed ballots may be delivered to the secure drop off ballot and payment box in front of Town Hall. Ballots may also be delivered to the Tolles Parsons Center (500 Washington Street) during [Early In-Person voting hours](#) this week. Please remember to sign your ballot.

**In-Person Voting** will take place on Election Day, Tuesday, September 1, at the following NEW locations:

- Precincts A (Bates), B (Sprague) and C (Upham) are moving to the Municipal Light Plant at 4 Municipal Way.
- Precincts D (Schofield) and E (Fiske) are moving to the Warren Building at 90 Washington Street.
- Precinct F (Dana Hall) is moving to the Wellesley Village Congregational Church at 2 Central Street.

There are NO CHANGES to these precincts:

- Precinct G will vote at the Wellesley Free Library at 530 Washington Street.
- Precinct H will vote at the Tolles Parsons Center - Council on Aging at 500 Washington Street.

### Morses Pond Beach Season Extended to September 13.

The Recreation Department has enough staff members in place to extend the Morses Pond summer beach season! The pond will officially close at the end of the day on **Sunday, September 13**. All restrictions remain in place and residents may continue to reserve blanketing areas using the current procedures. [See Morses Pond information on the Recreation Department webpages.](#)