



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

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

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 121,396

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

Total confirmed positive cases in Wellesley: 274 (7 new cases in the past 14 days)

Average Daily Incidence Rate/100,000: 1.68 (past 14 days)

NEW! The [Wellesley Coronavirus Information Hub](#) now features an enhanced data dashboard that is specific to Wellesley COVID-19 cases. In addition to total and new cases, the Hub now includes information on testing, percent positivity rate, and the Average Daily Incidence Rate/100,000, a key public health indicator. This information is updated weekly on Wednesdays with data from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The Hub also includes the [COVID-19 community level data map](#) with stoplight colors indicating COVID-19 risk levels by community: red (high risk), yellow (moderate risk), green and white (low risk). Wellesley remains in the **green** (low risk) category.

Public Health officials are reporting that 107,501 patients (88 % of cases) in the State have recovered from the Coronavirus. [Read the Weekly COVID-19 Public Health report.](#)

Prepare for Flu Season.

The Wellesley Health Department will offer community flu clinics this fall. Dates and COVID-19 safety protocols will be announced in the next few days. [Watch for flu updates on the Health Department webpages.](#)

Remote Special Town Meetings Begin on October 26.

Warrants are posted for two Special Town Meetings beginning on Monday, October 26 at 7 p.m. Town Meeting Members will consider an appropriation for construction costs to renovate the Wellesley Middle School building systems at the first Special Town Meeting. At the second Special Town Meeting, members will consider appropriations to the Town operating budget and special capital projects, amendments to Zoning Bylaws, and Citizen Petitions that were not considered at the June 2020 Annual Town Meeting. Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, both Special Town Meetings will be held remotely via Zoom videoconferencing. [Read Special Town Meeting information here.](#)

November 3, 2020 Election Information.

Ballots for the November 3 Presidential and State Election will be mailed in mid-October to all residents who have submitted a Vote-by-Mail request for ALL 2020 BALLOTS. To check the status of requested ballots, go to the [Secretary of the Commonwealth's website](#). If you would still like to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot or did not check ALL 2020 BALLOTS, complete and return the [Vote-by-Mail application](#). Signed applications may be emailed, returned by U.S. Mail, or hand-delivered to the secure Election and Payment drop box in front of Town Hall. [Find complete 2020 Election Information here.](#)