



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: FEBRUARY 5, 2021

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

Visit Wellesley's COVID-19 Information Hub at www.wellesley.ma.gov/coronavirus

Total confirmed COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts: 510,148

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

Total confirmed positive cases in Wellesley: 932 (139 new cases in past 14 days)

Average Daily Incidence Rate/100,000 for Wellesley: 33.4 (past 14 days)

Percent Positivity of Testing: 1.42% (past 14 days)

[View the Weekly COVID-19 Public Health Report.](#)

Wellesley's percent positivity rate (1.42%) continues to remain low. Health officials are reassured that testing in our community is keeping up with the level of disease transmission, and Wellesley remains in the yellow (moderate) risk category.

2-1-1 Hotline for COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Help

A State call center is now open to help seniors 75+ who are having trouble scheduling COVID-19 vaccine appointments online. **Dial 2-1-1** for assistance. The call center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vaccinations for 75+ seniors began on February 1 and appointments must be [scheduled online](#). The process is complicated and finding appointments has been very difficult. An additional 20,000 appointments will be added next week at the mass vaccine clinics, select retail pharmacies, and other clinics. [Learn more here.](#)

Some Wellesley residents have been successful in scheduling vaccine appointments on their own. The Wellesley Council on Aging continues to provide scheduling help for residents at **781-235-3961**.

NO DATES ARE SCHEDULED YET for Wellesley community vaccination clinics. Once we have this information, we'll communicate it to all residents.

Capacity Increased to 40% on February 8

As a result of improved COVID-19 case trends, the capacity cap for local most businesses will increase to 40% effective on Monday, February 8. [This change](#) includes restaurants, stores, fitness centers, offices, hair salons, houses of worship, and more. However, the current **gathering size limits of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors remain in place.**

Avoid Super Bowl Gatherings

Residents are urged to keep gathering limits in mind and not host or attend Super Bowl parties this weekend. [Public health experts caution](#) that these indoor events can increase the risk of spreading the virus. Please stay home on Sunday, February 7 to cheer for the Chiefs or the Buccaneers. (Go Brady!) **#TrustTheFacts#GetTheVax**. Watch for this new State public awareness campaign focused on COVID-19 vaccine safety. The first TV spot premieres during the Super Bowl Kick-Off show.