



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: MARCH 12, 2021

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

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

Total confirmed COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts: 565,560

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

Total confirmed positive cases in Wellesley: 1123 (91 new cases in past 14 days)

Average Daily Incidence Rate/100,000 for Wellesley: 21.9 (past 14 days)

Percent Positivity of Testing: 0.70% (past 14 days)

[View the Weekly COVID-19 Public Health Report.](#) Updated on March 11, 2021

Our community remains in the yellow (moderate) risk level and there are still pockets of infection in Wellesley, but Health officials are encouraged by the lower COVID-19 numbers. We have learned so much about the virus during this past year, especially the importance of taking steps to protect ourselves and others by **wearing a mask, watching your distance, and washing your hands**. Please remember to follow these guidelines when out in the community, even if you have been fully vaccinated.

Vaccine Update

This week, the State launched a new [COVID-19 vaccine dashboard](#) that is published on Thursdays with information on vaccinations by community. To date more than 6,300 Wellesley residents have received at least one dose of vaccine. Today the new vaccine preregistration system opened which allows you to register in advance for appointments at the seven mass vaccination clinics, receive weekly status updates, and be notified when an appointment becomes available. Individuals in both eligible and non-eligible groups may preregister, but you will not be offered an appointment until you are eligible. The Council on Aging continues to provide COVID-19 vaccine scheduling help for any eligible senior citizens living in Wellesley. For assistance, call **781-235-3961**.

Vaccine Dates for Educators. The State will hold four dedicated vaccination clinics for educators, all school staff, and childcare workers on March 27, April 3, April 10, and April 11. These clinics will take place at the mass vaccination sites; educators can sign up using the preregistration system.

Updated Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) has adopted [guidance for fully vaccinated individuals](#) – those who have received two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, have passed 14 days since their last shot, and have no symptoms. These individuals are no longer required to submit a negative COVID-19 test or quarantine after travel, and do not need to quarantine if they are identified as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Outdoor Dining in Wellesley

Town and Health officials are once again permitting outdoor dining in the community during the warmer months. A number of restaurants have submitted temporary dining permits which are

currently under review. If approved for a permit, restaurants will be able to begin offering outdoor dining on April 1. (No joking!)

Yard/Garage/Tag Sale Permits

The Town is also reviewing safety issues for yard/garage/tag sales in the coming months. Currently these are not permitted, but as the State further eases restrictions on gatherings, the status may change. More information will be announced as soon as it is available.

Thank you Wellesley.

As we mark yesterday's one-year anniversary of the Coronavirus pandemic, we are reflecting on the past 12 months. We have lost so much – members of our families and our community, businesses and offices that closed, time in school, time with loved ones, and more. We are now much more optimistic, hopeful, and extraordinarily grateful to all of you for the support, care, and compassion you have shown for our community and for each other. We know Wellesley Will Be Well.

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