



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: MARCH 26, 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: 586,298

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

Total confirmed positive cases in Wellesley: 1167 (45 new cases in past 14 days)

Average Daily Incidence Rate/100,000 for Wellesley: 10.8 (past 14 days)

Percent Positivity of Testing: 0.35% (past 14 days)

[View the Weekly COVID-19 Public Health Report.](#) Updated on March 25, 2021

In the past two weeks, COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts have increased by 28%. Many of these positive cases are in individuals under the age of 30. Health officials attribute this to increased travel, Spring break, and virus fatigue. Locally we've received concerns about individuals not following COVID-19 restrictions in businesses and public areas.

Got the vax? Still wear a mask! Although more and more people are getting vaccinated, we're still learning how the vaccines stop the spread of virus and its variants. Please remember that the vaccine doesn't even begin to provide protection until at least 8 days or longer after the first shot (or with Johnson & Johnson the only shot). Full vaccine protection doesn't occur until two weeks after the first or second shot, depending on which vaccine received. For this reason, even after you've been fully vaccinated, in public places PLEASE continue to wear masks, watch your distance, and wash your hands.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has eased restrictions in private locations for individuals who are fully vaccinated. [Read those guidelines.](#)

Vaccine Update

Total vaccination rate (at least one dose) per capita for Wellesley: 28%

[View the Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Report.](#) Updated on March 25, 2021

See the groups [eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine](#). Upcoming eligible groups are:

- April 5: Residents 55+ and residents with one certain medical condition
- April 19: General public ages 16 years and older

Remember to [preregister for vaccine appointments](#) at the State mass vaccination clinics. Once you are eligible, you will be notified when an appointment becomes available and will have 24 hours to accept.

REMINDER: On Saturday, March 27 the State will hold the first of four dedicated vaccination clinics for educators, school staff, and childcare workers.

Vaccines for Veterans and Families. A new [law](#) has now expanded COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to all Veterans, spouses, and caregivers. This opportunity is available immediately as long as there are doses of the vaccine. Watch for more local information.

COA Friends for an Hour

Focus on a brighter future with the Council on Aging! On Tuesday, March 30 at 11 a.m. the COA is holding an online gathering called Friends for an Hour. Join fellow senior citizens to connect and talk about current topics such as the pandemic, the state of our country and our community, and other pressing issues. Offer suggestions for future online forums and guest speakers. Email the [Council on Aging](#) for information.

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