



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: APRIL 16, 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: 626,550

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

*The Mass.gov Interactive dashboard now includes City and Town data.

NEW confirmed positive cases in Wellesley: 99 (past 14 days)

Average Daily Incidence Rate/100,000 for Wellesley: 23.8 (past 14 days)

Percent Positivity of Testing: .83% (past 14 days)

Vaccination Rate: 26% (Fully vaccinated residents)

A pause continues in the use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine while federal health officials further investigate a possible link between the shot and instances of rare but severe blood clots in women under age 50. This pause is not expected to have much impact on vaccinations in Massachusetts.

16 and Up Eligible for Vaccines on April 19

All residents ages 16 and older can begin scheduling COVID-19 vaccines beginning on April 19. As the vaccine supply from the federal government has substantially increased, many more appointments are becoming available. A reminder that residents can pre-register for vaccine appointments at the State's mass vaccination clinics, and schedule appointments at participating retail pharmacies. During the week of April 19-25 the State is hosting "Red Sox Week" at the Hynes Convention Center vaccination clinic in Boston, with Red Sox-themed attractions and an appearance by Wally the Green Monster.

April Break Safety

The Health Department continues to see higher instances of COVID-19 infections in children, teens, and young adults. With April break for schools scheduled for next week, Town and Health officials are reminding families of the current Massachusetts [gathering guidelines](#) (10 people indoors, 25 people outdoors for private residences) and [travel advisory](#). Please continue to be vigilant about wearing masks or face coverings in public areas, keeping distance from others, and washing your hands.

WPS Reopening Update. Wellesley Public Schools continues a phased return to full, in-person learning. All students at Wellesley Middle School returned the week of April 12; students at Wellesley High School will return the week of April 26.

Patriot's Day is April 19

Municipal buildings, the RDF, and the Library will be closed all day on Monday, April 19 in observance of Patriot's Day. The traditional running of the Boston Marathon is rescheduled for Monday, October 11, 2021, and workers are prepping the finish line for the fall event.

