



## CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: APRIL 23, 2021

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

Visit Wellesley's COVID-19 Information Hub at [www.wellesleyma.gov/coronavirus](http://www.wellesleyma.gov/coronavirus)

Total confirmed COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts: 636,476

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

**NEW** confirmed positive cases in Wellesley: 71 (past 14 days)

Average Daily Incidence Rate/100,000 for Wellesley: 17.1 (past 14 days)

Percent Positivity of Testing: .60% (past 14 days)

Vaccination Rate in Wellesley: 31% (fully vaccinated residents)

[View the COVID-19 Vaccine Report.](#) (Updated April 22)

COVID-19 cases in Wellesley remain relatively stable, and our community is staying in the yellow (moderate) risk category. Health officials are encouraged by the increasing number of people in Town who have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. A reminder, even if you are fully vaccinated (at least 14 days have passed since your second vaccine dose), please continue to follow current COVID-19 guidelines when in public.

Currently all residents ages 16 years and older are eligible to schedule vaccinations. Public health experts are continuing to research and discuss the possibility of vaccinating children and teens younger than 16 but no decisions have been announced yet.

### WHS Phased In-Person Return

Students at Wellesley High School will begin a phased return to full, in-person classes beginning the week of April 26. School and Health officials will be monitoring COVID-19 case counts to watch for any spikes resulting from the April break week.

### Remote Annual Town Meeting Starts April 26

2021 Annual Town Meeting begins on Monday, April 26 at 7 p.m. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the meeting will take place on Zoom. Residents and non-town meeting members who would like to participate should email Town Clerk KC Kato at [kckato@wellesleyma.gov](mailto:kckato@wellesleyma.gov) no later than Saturday, April 24 at 7 p.m. to request meeting access. Visit the [Town Meeting webpages](#) for information and video presentations on all items to be discussed.

### Sidewalk Saturdays Start April 24



Support our local merchants, listen to local bands, and shop safely outdoors! Sidewalk Saturdays return to Wellesley Square this weekend; merchants on Central Street and Church Street will be set up outside all day. From noon to 2 p.m. enjoy live music in Central Park (adjacent to the Grove Street Post Office). Sidewalk Saturdays continue on May 22, June 19, July 17, August 21, and September 18 and are a partnership between the [Wellesley Square Merchants](#) and the Select Board.

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