



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: APRIL 30, 2021

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

NOTE: This is the final weekly COVID-19 briefing. Future briefings will be released as needed.

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

Total confirmed COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts: 644,688

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

NEW confirmed positive cases in Wellesley: 42 (past 14 days)

Average Daily Incidence Rate/100,000 for Wellesley: 10.1 (past 14 days)

Percent Positivity of Testing: .37% (past 14 days)

Vaccination Rate in Wellesley: 36% (fully vaccinated residents)

[View the COVID-19 Vaccination Report.](#) (Updated April 29)

Revised Mask Order in Effect

Changes to the State mask/face covering order are effective today with some relaxed restrictions for certain outdoor activities. According to the order, masks or face coverings are not required when **outdoors** in public locations AS LONG AS you can maintain a safe distance (6 feet) from others not in your own family or group. Masks or face coverings are still required at all times when **indoors** in public locations. This includes in stores, businesses, restaurants, etc. For events and gatherings in public locations, masks are still required and are encouraged for events and gatherings in private locations. [Read the full mask order here.](#)

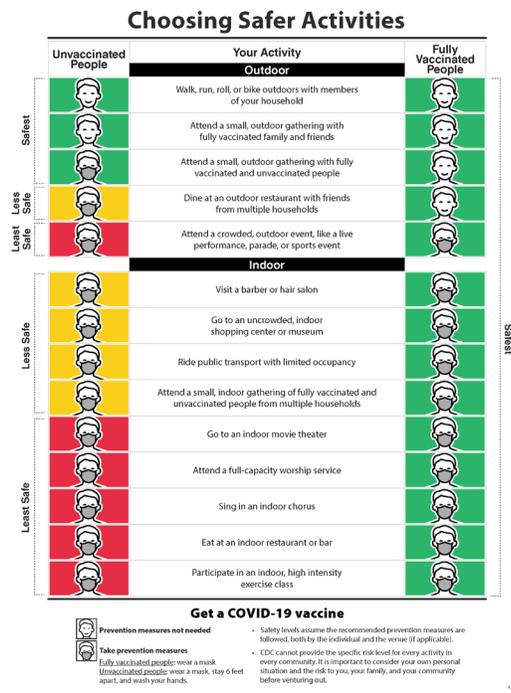
Please remember that these guidelines apply to everyone. Health officials are encouraging residents to use common sense as we all adjust to these new rules. To help, the CDC has provided a guide to choosing safer activities.

New information will be announced as the State moves forward with reopening plans. Additional changes related to reopening specific sectors, increased capacity, and increased gatherings and more will be released in May.

Town and Health officials are following all of these changes and will continue to update the community as we learn more.

Masks Still Required for Planes, Public Transportation

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will still require masks for travelers until at least September 13, 2021. TSA announced today that it will extend a federal mandate for masks in



transportation settings, including in airports, on commercial airlines, and on commuter bus and rail systems.

India Travel Restrictions. In addition, on guidance from the CDC, the U.S. is restricting travel to India beginning on Tuesday, May 4 due to rising COVID-19 cases in that country.

Remote Annual Town Meeting Continues May 3

2021 Annual Town Meeting will continue on Zoom on Monday, May 3 at 7 p.m. beginning with discussion on Article 17, Town Hall interior renovation. Visit the [Town Meeting webpages](#) for information and video presentations on all items to be discussed.

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