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**MARCH 20: COVID-19 DAILY BRIEFING  
VOLUNTEER FOR MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS, CHANGES TO FIRE INSPECTIONS, RDF PRECAUTIONS**

The severity of the Coronavirus in Massachusetts continues to increase. Today, the Commonwealth reported the first death from COVID-19 and cases continue to escalate. The number of positive cases in Wellesley has increased to eight, and the Wellesley Health Department continues to monitor this situation daily.

Town officials have heard from many concerned residents and continue to urge everyone in our community to understand the serious nature of the current situation. Please do your part to ensure we have a coordinated, cooperated effort to keep everyone in Wellesley safe and healthy through our *Wellesley Will Be Well* campaign. **#wellesleywillbewell**

**Know the facts and get your information from trusted sources.**

- [Town of Wellesley website](#) for daily briefings and updates specific to Wellesley
- [Mass.gov website](#) for information on the Commonwealth's response to COVID-19
- <https://mass211.org/>, a confidential 24/7 hotline for resources and referrals

**Use sanctioned resources to ensure safety and well-being.**

Many residents are offering help to others. If you want to help, or if you have formed a group of volunteers who want to help, please contact the Health Department at 781-235-0135 to join the [Wellesley Medical Reserve Corps](#). This is a group of medical professionals and non-medical participants who are properly credentialed (CORI/SORI forms) and trained to assist with support services, food delivery, prescription pick-up, etc.

**New information today:**

- **Governor's Emergency Orders Affecting Licensing and Inspections.** These orders extend the expiration of any State Fire Marshal license, certificate or registration; and defers all smoke and CO inspections associated with home sales for up to 90 days. The buyers and sellers must agree in writing that the buyer is responsible and will equip the home with proper smoke and CO detectors. [Read here.](#)
- **Wellesley Recycling and Disposal Facility (RDF) Precautions.** The RDF has new rules for users to keep residents and employees healthy. These urge residents to use the RDF during non-peak hours; to maintain distance especially along the recycling wall; to recycle ONLY clean products and not tissues, wipes, paper towels, etc.; to make trips brief and refrain from socializing, and more. [Read more.](#)
- **Domestic Violence Resources.** The COVID-19 crisis can heighten concerns in already stressful homes and environments and may increase violence and mental health issues. The Wellesley Police Department and the [Health Department](#) can help. Resources also include:

**Hotline Numbers:** National Suicide Prevention: 1-800-273-8255  
Department of Children & Families: 800-792-5200  
National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233  
**For emergencies, please dial 9-1-1.**

- **Medical Supply Shortage.** Hospitals and health care centers are running dangerously low on supplies of personal protection equipment (PPE). Watch for information from the Fire Department on Monday, March 23 on a drop-off location for any supplies collected by residents.

Town officials will be in daily communication throughout the weekend on the COVID-19 crisis and will provide any updates as needed. Thank you for your efforts to help us make sure *Wellesley Will Be Well*.