



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: APRIL 3, 2020

THIS IS THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE ENTIRE TOWN OF WELLESLEY AND IS SHARED ACROSS ALL COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORMS

Here's what you need to know today.

Visit Wellesley's new Coronavirus Information Hub at

www.wellesleyma.gov/coronavirus

Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts:10,402 **New Cases Today:** 1,436

Total cases in Norfolk County: 1,045

Total cases in Wellesley: 22 (2 new today)

The Centers for Disease Control is now recommending that all Americans consider wearing non-medical masks or cloths over faces as a precaution when going out, to help slow the spread of COVID-19. This advice is voluntary not mandated.

New Wellesley Coronavirus Information Hub.

Town officials have launched a new Coronavirus Information Hub to centralize all COVID-19 briefings, data and resources for the community. Access the Hub at www.wellesleyma.gov/coronavirus and sign up for information that is updated daily. Get briefings on the Town's on social media pages: Facebook at Town of Wellesley, MA and Twitter @TownOfWellesley. [Read more.](#)

Restaurants May Sell Beer and Wine with Food for Take-out.

Governor Baker and the Alcohol Beverages Control Commission have approved an act allowing restaurants with liquor licenses to sell beer and wine with food for take-out, effective immediately and until the state of emergency is lifted. The effort is intended to help support local restaurants including those in Wellesley. Take-out customers may order up to 192 ounces of malt beverages (about a 12-pack of 16 oz. bottles of beer) or up to 1.5 liters of wine (about one bottle). Alcohol may only be sold with food, in sealed original containers, and both the buyer and the recipient must be at least 21 years old. [Read more.](#)

Municipal Governance Bill Signed.

The State Legislature signed an act to addressing the challenges faced by municipalities and state authorities presented by COVID-19. The act addresses Town Meeting delays, emergency liabilities in case COVID-19 prevents the adoption of annual budgets, due dates for real estate and property tax bills, appeals and extensions, and other provisions. The Board of Selectmen will be discussing this act at its meeting on Monday, April 6. [Read a summary.](#)

Mental Health Help.

The Coronavirus can cause feelings of stress, loneliness and despair and severely impact mental health. There are many of resources for help. The Centers for Disease Control has comprehensive information on Stress and Coping. [Read more.](#) The Health Department also has a detailed page in the Coronavirus Information Hub with links to resources for the community. [Read more.](#)

Clap for Health Care Workers and First Responders.

A nationwide clap for healthcare workers and first responders is planned every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. In Wellesley, residents are planning a Town-wide “celebration clap” this **Saturday, April 4 at 5 p.m.** Step outside and show your support! Share your pictures and video on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and tag the Town of Wellesley. Use #wellesleywillbewell

PPE Donations.

The Wellesley Fire Department continues to collect Personal Protective Equipment donations. Some of the supplies already donated will be benefitting the Wellesley RDF which is running very low on protective equipment for workers. To donate **please call the Fire Department at 781-235-1300**. This program is **PICK-UP ONLY**.

Please Note: The COVID-19 briefings will continue Monday through Friday from now on. Briefings will only be sent on weekends when necessary.

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