



## CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: APRIL 10, 2020

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

Visit Wellesley's new Coronavirus Information Hub at

[www.wellesleyma.gov/coronavirus](http://www.wellesleyma.gov/coronavirus)

### Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 20,974    New Cases Today: 2,033

Total cases in Norfolk County: 2,216

Total cases in Wellesley: 43 (3 new)

Like other communities in Massachusetts, the Health Department reports that Wellesley has positive COVID-19 cases in its long-term care facilities. These facilities are following all State and Federal guidelines, and Health Department officials remain in regular contact with these facilities to monitor the health of all of their residents.

We are entering a very critical time in the COVID-10 crisis as the surge in the virus is expected between April 10 -20. **PLEASE! Stay home as much as possible to protect yourself and others.** If you must go out, adhere to the public health advisory to wear a mask or cloth face covering at all times. Masks can be made of simple home items like scarves, bandanas, or t-shirts. [See the CDC guidance on wearing and making masks.](#)

### COVID-19 Assistance.

If you need help for COVID-19, please remember these important services. **For emergencies, call 9-1-1!**

- For non-emergency information from the Commonwealth, call 2-1-1.
- For domestic violence or sexual assault help, call the SafeLink 24-hour hotline at 877-782-2020.
- For non-emergency services in Wellesley, call 781-239-0256 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m – 4 p.m.).

### Act for Additional COVID-19 Challenges Faced by Municipalities, School Districts and State Authorities.

Governor Baker has signed into law *An Act to Further Address Challenges Faced by Municipalities, School Districts and State Authorities Resulting From COVID-19*. To view a section-by-section summary of this legislation, please [click here](#).

### #WellesleyWillBeWell

#### New Wellesley Free Library Resources.

The Wellesley Free Library has expanded its eResources. A book database called Press Reader features more than 7000 book titles in 60 different languages. Library patrons can access Press Reader from the WFL library website. Librarians are also offering a new chat service for assistance, book recommendations, and book talks by emailing the Library, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. [Read more.](#)

### **Council on Aging Offers Support for Senior Citizens.**

If you're a senior citizen in Wellesley feeling lonely, isolated, or just a little stir crazy, reach out and talk to the Council on Aging. COA volunteers are compiling stories from residents about Wellesley's history and their life in our community – when they moved here; the differences between now and then; favorite activities, restaurants, or memories from the past; and more. All names will remain anonymous. To set up a phone conversation, email [Wellesley.Nathalie@gmail.com](mailto:Wellesley.Nathalie@gmail.com)

Or write to a “virtual pen pal.” A group of high school volunteers would like to correspond with seniors over email to ease isolation and perhaps learn some words of wisdom. To be matched with a pen-pal, email [21poreskyn@wpsraiders.org](mailto:21poreskyn@wpsraiders.org).

**As many residents celebrate holidays this weekend, Town officials appreciate the efforts of the entire community to stay at home and celebrate with only family members.**

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