



## CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: APRIL 17, 2020

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

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

### Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

**Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts:** 34,402    **New Cases Today:** 2,221

**Total cases in Norfolk County:** 3,499

**Total cases in Wellesley:** 84 (2 new)

The rise in our case counts is reflecting the current surge phase in the virus as COVID-19 continues to be extremely contagious. The Health Department is grateful to the community for continuing to adhere to the restrictions in place. The safety measures taken by all residents to stay home as much as possible, practice social distancing, and wear masks when outside is helping to flatten the curve and slow the spread of this disease.

**Correction:** The Nursing Home Family Resource Line phone number is 617-660-5399, seven days a week between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### Announcing the Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Fund for Wellesley, an endowed fund of the Foundation for MetroWest, in partnership with the Wellesley Board of Selectmen, has created the **Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund**. Funds raised will be granted on a rolling and rapid basis to nonprofit organizations and town departments providing critical services and support to our community. The Community Fund for Wellesley has committed \$10K in seed funding to ensure an immediate source of grant support. To make a donation or to learn more, please visit: [www.CFFW-COVID.org](http://www.CFFW-COVID.org)

Checks may be made to Foundation for MetroWest, indicate memo line 'Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund', and mailed to:

Community Fund for Wellesley  
c/o Foundation for MetroWest  
3 Eliot Street  
Natick, MA 01760

The Foundation for MetroWest is a tax exempt 501(c)(3).

### REMEMBER: No Marathon on Monday.

Town officials, the Wellesley Police Department, and the Boston Athletic Association issued a firm message to all runners. **DO NOT RUN THE BOSTON MARATHON ON MONDAY, APRIL 20!** The 2020 Boston Marathon has been postponed until Monday, September 14 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The course will not be accessible to runners and roads will not be closed. First responders and safety officers are needed for Coronavirus emergencies. Please stay home.

## #WellesleyWillBeWell

### Good News!

Throughout the Commonwealth, more 4.5 million Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies have been distributed to hospitals, healthcare workers, long-term care facilities, first responders and others on the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis. In Wellesley, residents continue to support our local PPE program. To donate **please call the Fire Department at 781-235-1300**. This program is **PICK-UP ONLY**. Here are few pictures from WFD. Thank you to all who are contributing!



### Mask Up Wellesley.

A few more masked officials...or Officers! Thank you to the Wellesley Police Department for their work staying safe and keeping our community safe. Pictured below: Sgt. Glen Gerrans, Lt. Jeff Renzella, and Dispatcher Katie Sharkey.



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