



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: APRIL 30, 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

Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 62,205 **New Cases Today:** 1,940

Total cases in Norfolk County: 5,896

Total cases in Wellesley: 179* (5 new) *71 cases in long-term care facilities

For comprehensive information and daily updates on COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts, [view the Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 Daily Dashboard.](#)

Board of Selectmen and Board of Health to Hold a Joint Emergency Meeting on May 1.

On Friday, May 1 at 12 noon, the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health will hold an online remote meeting to discuss and vote a mandatory mask and face covering order due to COVID-19 for the Town of Wellesley. Residents can view the meeting on YouTube and share comments by following the comment protocol. [See the meeting agenda and comment protocol.](#) As the Town conference call line is limited to a specific number of callers, residents wishing to participate may also email comments in advance to sel@wellesleyma.gov

Speak with a Social Worker.

On Friday, May 1 from 8:30-9:30 AM, call the Health Department and speak with Wellesley's community social worker about Coronavirus or other concerns that might need a sympathetic ear. This service is offered every Tuesday and Friday for residents to discuss issues related to COVID-19 and tips for healthy coping during times of stress. **Call-in on Tuesdays from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM and on Fridays from 8:30 AM-9:30 AM. Dial 781-489-4354.**

Seek Treatment If You Are Sick.

Health officials continue to reassure residents that hospitals are open, have beds available, and are taking all precautions to keep patients safe. Officials are concerned that people are avoiding going to hospitals, walk-in clinics, and physician offices for fear of being exposed to COVID-19. This is dangerous and can cause serious consequences. If you are sick or have a medical condition, please seek treatment. [See the COVID-19 hospital and surge capacity response.](#)

Wellesley Recreation Needs Your Help.

What virtual programs and activities would families like the Recreation Department to offer? Recreation and Youth Commission staff are looking for creative ideas and virtual content from residents to post on the Town website and on social media. Email your ideas to recreation@wellesleyma.gov And [see the current activity and program offerings on the Recreation Department webpages.](#)

#WellesleyWillBeWell

Donate to the Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund.

The Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund has awarded the first round of grants to local non-profits providing critical programs to support our residents. More grants will be announced next week. The Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund is a partnership between The Community Fund for Wellesley, an endowed fund of the Foundation for MetroWest (501 c3) and the Board of Selectmen. To make a donation or to learn more, please visit: www.CCFW-COVID.org

Special (Meal) Delivery.

Staff at Wellesley's Elizabeth Seton Residence is giving so much as they care for residents in the facility. Today, they received the gift of lunch from Wellesley resident Emily DeBonis, owner of [Tahaza Hummus Kitchen](#) in Cambridge. Below, Emily and her kitchen staff personally delivered the meals to grateful Elizabeth Seton nurses.



Mask Up Wellesley.

Town Hall employees also enjoyed a lunch delivery from local favorite [Café Mangal](#). Owners Mehmet Ozargun and Gul Bahceci masked up and dropped off salads and sandwiches for staff from the Assessor's Office, Treasurer's Office, Town Clerk's Office, Building Department, Planning Department, Finance Department, and Selectmen's Office. Thank you to donors Jim and Barbara Kaufman for this welcome treat!

