



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: MAY 8, 2020

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

Visit Wellesley's Coronavirus Information Hub at www.wellesley.ma.gov/coronavirus

Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 75,333 New Cases Today: 1,612

Total cases in Norfolk County: 6,801

Total cases in Wellesley: 197* (1 new)

*82 cases total in Wellesley 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.](#)

State and local public health officials are encouraged by the recent decrease in COVID-19 hospitalizations. This is one of the data points that is monitored by the Reopening Advisory Board as those members work to prepare a report to guide the reopening of the Commonwealth. Additionally, officials are reminding residents that hospitals and doctor's offices are safe. If you are experiencing any illness – not just COVID-19 – or have serious medical conditions, please seek care!

Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund Awards \$13K in Second Round of Grants.

Local programs will receive \$13,000 in grants from a second round of funding awarded by the Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund. This money will provide comfort for long-term care facility residents and address mental health issues resulting from the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. The COVID-19 Relief Fund is a partnership of The Community Fund for Wellesley, an endowed fund of the Foundation for MetroWest (501c3) and the Board of Selectmen. [Read more here.](#)

HRS Community Support Forums starting May 13:

- *Grandparenting from Afar, Wednesdays @ 1:30 PM via Zoom:*
Stay connected with children and grandchildren. Email HRS clinician Linda Galper, lgalper@hrshelps.org to participate.
- *Connecting Senior Citizens During Social Distancing, Wednesdays @ 11 AM by phone:*
Discuss your concerns and find ways to feel less isolated. Call HRS clinician Allan Wyatt, Psy.D. at 508-276-1223 to participate.

Mask Up at the RDF.

A reminder to all residents that masks or face coverings are required when using the Recycling and Disposal Facility (RDF). Signs are posted throughout the RDF and especially along the recycling wall where maintaining physical distancing (at least 6-feet) from others is not always possible. The RDF remains open for regular business hours on Monday through Saturday and closed on Sunday. To avoid long lines, users are encouraged to come on weekdays during non-peak times between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.



Playing Fields and Playgrounds Remain Closed.

While golf courses are allowed to reopen, Town playing fields, playgrounds and Morses Pond beach and grounds remain closed to the public at this time. Residents may enjoy outdoor activities by using the [Wellesley Trails system](#), Fuller Brook Park, or larger open space areas such as Boulder Brook Reservation, Centennial Park, or the Town Forest.

Please remember that the Governor's order requiring masks or cloth face coverings in public places when social distancing is not possible is now in effect. [Read the Governor's order here.](#)

Meetings for the Week of May 11.

Tune into Wellesley Public Media to see virtual meetings for Town boards and committees.



Wellesley Virtual Programming Week of May 11th

Monday May 11th 11:00 Library Trustees 5:00 Board of Selectmen 7:00 Historical Commission	Wednesday May 13th 6:30 Design Review Board 7:30 Community Preservation Committee
Tuesday May 12th 6:30 School Committee	Thursday May 14th 6:30 Wetlands Protection Committee 7:30 Permanent Building Committee
	Friday May 15th 8:30 a.m. Sustainable Energy Committee

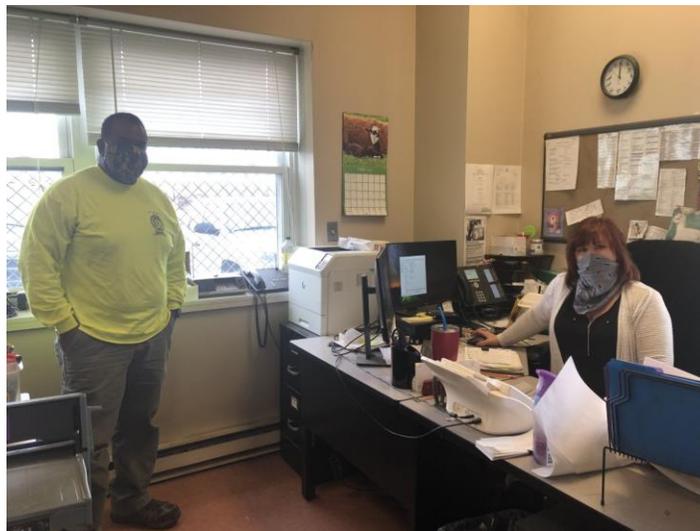
Meetings can be watched live in these formats:

- From Wellesley Media Home Page www.wellesleymedia.org**
High Definition stream on Wellesley Media Youtube channel
High Definition live stream of local TV channels
- Local Cable TV**
Comcast 8/Verizon 40 Government Channel
Comcast 9/Verizon 39 Public Channel



#WellesleyWillBeWell

The Recycling and Disposal Facility staff is staying safe to protect themselves and all users. While the office is closed to the public, staff continues to conduct business by phone and in all areas throughout the facility. Thanks to office Supervisor Shawn Vann and office Manager Mary Reynolds for masking up and staying six feet apart.



Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers and special family members!

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