



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: MAY 14, 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: 82,182 New Cases Today: 1,685

Total cases in Norfolk County: 7,258

Total cases in Wellesley: 200* (0 new)

*82 cases total in Wellesley long-term care facilities

Positive antibody tests: 0 new, 29 total

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

NEW! CVS Updates COVID-19 Testing Locations, Removes Wellesley.

CVS will begin offering drive-thru testing at specific locations beginning tomorrow, but CVS on Linden Street is no longer a test site. Due to concerns about the high traffic in the Linden Street area, CVS has updated its location list and will post signs at the store. Testing is available at other sites in Massachusetts. Currently only high-risk individuals (those showing symptoms) are eligible to be tested. Registration and scheduling must be done online through the CVS Minute Clinic website. CVS plans to expand testing sites in the coming weeks. [Learn more about CVS COVID-19 testing here.](#)

Viral Tests versus Antibody Tests. The testing performed at CVS sites is viral testing which checks respiratory samples, such as a swab from inside your nose to confirm a positive COVID-19 case. Antibody tests are blood tests that check for a previous infection of the virus. Depending on the timing of antibody tests, they may not be accurate. Without a viral COVID-19 test, a positive antibody test is treated like a positive case and therefore, that person will be asked to isolate for 10 days and close contacts will be asked to quarantine for 14 days. [Read more about COVID-19 testing here.](#)

Health Advisory for Children.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is advising health providers about a serious inflammatory disease in children that may be linked to COVID-19. Nine suspected cases of Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome (PMIS) have been reported in Massachusetts hospitals. Health officials have issued guidance on what to look for to report and confirm possible cases. [Read information from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.](#)

REMINDER: Restrictions for Morses Pond Remain in Place.

Please remember that Morses Pond beach and surrounding areas, the picnic area, and playground are currently closed. Outdoor activity is restricted to walking trails and the North 40. Fences are up and signs are posted; all dogs must be leashed. Town officials are expecting voluntary compliance from all residents. The gate on Turner Road is open daily at 7 a.m. and locked at 6 p.m. to help alleviate parking and congregating along side streets in the neighborhood.

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Council on Aging Offers Tech Help for Seniors.

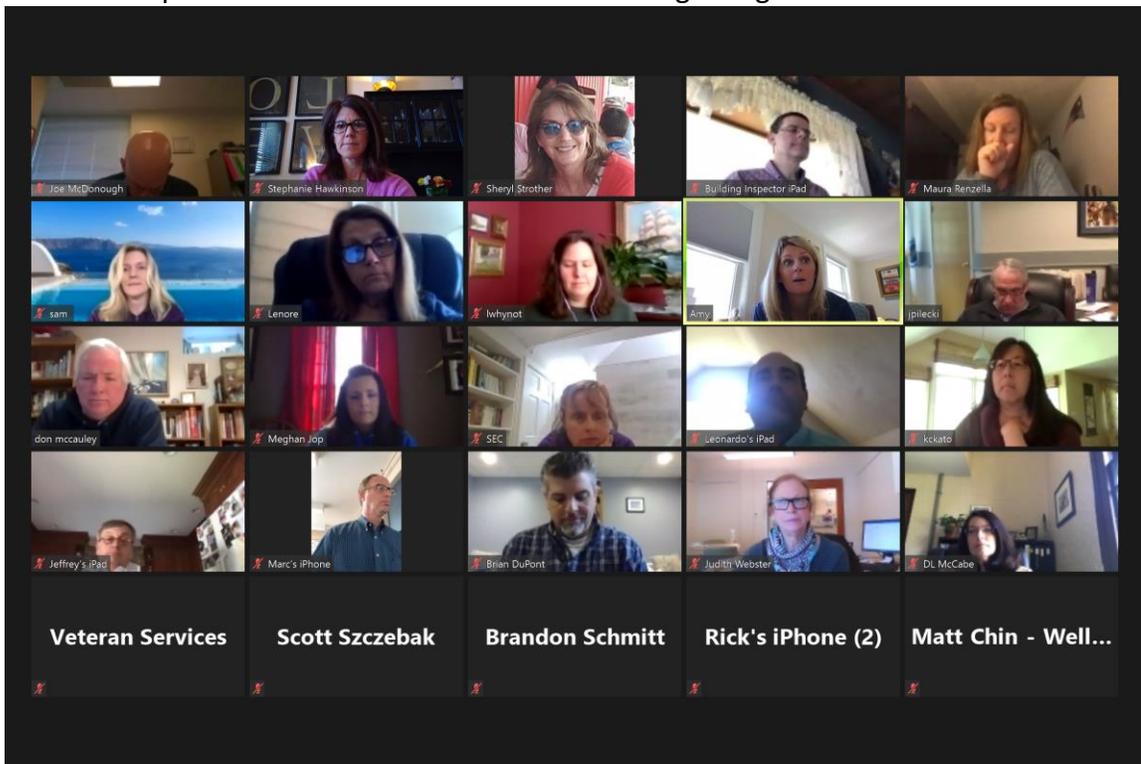
Many Council on Aging programs are currently offered online. COA staff members are available to help participants with technology issues accessing virtual classes on Zoom, on smart phones or on computers. For help, call the COA at 781-235-3961 during regular business hours.

Speak with a Social Worker.

Call the Health Department on Tuesdays and Fridays and speak with Community Social Worker Joyce Saret on any COVID-19 issues. **Call-in hours on Tuesday from 1:00 pm-2:00 pm and on Friday from 8:30 am-9:30 am. Dial 781-489-4354.**

Reopening Wellesley.

Town officials continue to develop reopening plans for Wellesley and will be following a phased approach similar to the State. Departments are meeting regularly to discuss specific guidelines to keep employees and the public safe. These will be announced beginning next week.



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