



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: MAY 15, 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: 83,421 New Cases Today: 1,239

Total cases in Norfolk County: 7,331

Total cases in Wellesley: 203* (3 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.](#)

Reopening Plan for Massachusetts Expected on May 18.

Governor Baker extended the State "essential services" order by one day. The order will now expire at midnight on Monday, May 18 after reopening plans for Massachusetts are announced earlier in the day by the Reopening Advisory Board. The Commonwealth will follow a four-phased approach identified as Start, Cautious, Vigilant and the New Normal. While many details of the plan have yet to be released, businesses will be encouraged to allow employees to work from home as much as possible and follow other protocols to create safe distances between workers.

CDC Reopening Decision Tools.

In response to requests from officials in many states, the Centers for Disease Control has released documents to help provide guidance on reopening for [camps](#), [childcare centers](#), [schools](#), [restaurants and bars](#), and other businesses. They include checklists for protecting workers, cleaning and sanitizing, health screening, and more.

COVID-19 Testing Map.

The State has released a map of COVID-19 testing sites in Massachusetts. Users can search for nearby sites and click on locations for information including addresses, hours of operation and more. [See the map here.](#)

#WellesleyWillBeWell

Mental Health Help.

Health officials continue to remind residents to seek help for mental health concerns. Find resources on the [Town of Wellesley website](#) and on [websites for state and national organizations.](#)

Mind the Signs.

As you enjoy the weather this weekend, please remember to wear face coverings when social distancing is not possible and mind the signs posted in outdoor areas.

