



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: MAY 21, 2020

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

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

Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 90,084 New Cases Today: 1,114

Total cases in Norfolk County: 7,691

Total cases in Wellesley: 206* (0 new)

*82 cases total in Wellesley long-term care facilities

Positive antibody tests: 0 new, 31 total

Comprehensive information the key public health indicators for reopening is updated daily on the [Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 dashboard](#).

May 25 Reopening Guidelines.

As offices, personal services and retailers prepare for a limited reopening on Monday, May 25, a reminder that the State is requiring all businesses to meet four mandatory workplace safety standards covering social distancing (including specific occupancy guidelines for businesses and offices), hygiene protocols, staffing and operations, and cleaning and disinfecting. Businesses must have and display the following documents: [COVID-19 Control Plan template](#), [Compliance attestation poster](#), [Employer](#) and [Worker](#) posters describing the safety standards in place. All employees must be trained on the control plan requirements.

Retailers who are reopening on May 25 are limited to remote fulfilment or curbside pick-up only. Please check with specific retailers on their curbside procedures.

Morses Pond will NOT be open on May 25. The beach and swimming areas remain closed; no lifeguards or beach staff are working.

Wellesley restaurants continue to offer take-out, curbside and delivery options but are not open for in-house or outdoor dining service. [See more restaurant information on the Town of Wellesley website](#).

Wellesley Free Library Reopening Plan.

The Library is preparing reopening plans for June. Beginning June 1, the Main Library book drops will be reopened to accept returns ONLY and limited staff will be back in the building. The Library will be open for phone reference only on Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Curbside service and book pick-up is not expected to resume until later in June as part of Phase 2 of the reopening plan. The due date to return books is June 30.

[Contact the Library staff with any questions.](#)

#WellesleyWillBeWell

Memorial Day Observances, May 25.

The Town of Wellesley will honor departed veterans and mark Memorial Day in a different manner this year due to the Coronavirus. While the traditional observance at the War Memorial in front of Town

Hall will not take place, the area has been decorated with flags by the Town Veterans' Services officers. Thank you to Wellesley Municipal Light Plant workers for hanging flags on the light posts along Washington Street. And our gratitude to Tom Doherty and his staff for replacing the flags on the graves of our departed veterans at Woodlawn Cemetery. Residents are encouraged to fly their own flags on Memorial Day, post photos on social media and tag the Town of Wellesley (@TownOfWellesley).



A reminder that the Recycling and Disposal Facility (RDF) will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

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