



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: JUNE 2, 2020

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

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

Wellesley Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 101,163 New Cases Today: 358

Total cases in Norfolk County: 8,600

Total cases in Wellesley: 214 (1 new)

82 cases total in Wellesley long-term care facilities

Positive antibody tests: 2 new, 41 total

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is now reporting both confirmed and probable cases (positive antibody tests) of COVID-19 which significantly increases the new case counts. These numbers are a retrospective review dating back to March 1, 2020. Comprehensive case details are available on the Massachusetts Department of Public Health daily <https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-dashboard-june-2-2020/download> COVID-19 dashboard.

Reopening Preparations for Phase II Workplaces.

State officials have released guidelines providing more clarification on the businesses and workplaces that can reopen in Phase II of the Massachusetts reopening plan. [Read that information here](#). These guidelines allow Phase II businesses to reopen their brick and mortar stores to workers so they can start preparations for opening. Customers and the public are not allowed in businesses until the start of Phase II, which is expected to begin on June 8. The State has also provided a preview of the [Safety Standards and Checklists for Retail Businesses](#) reopening in Phase II.

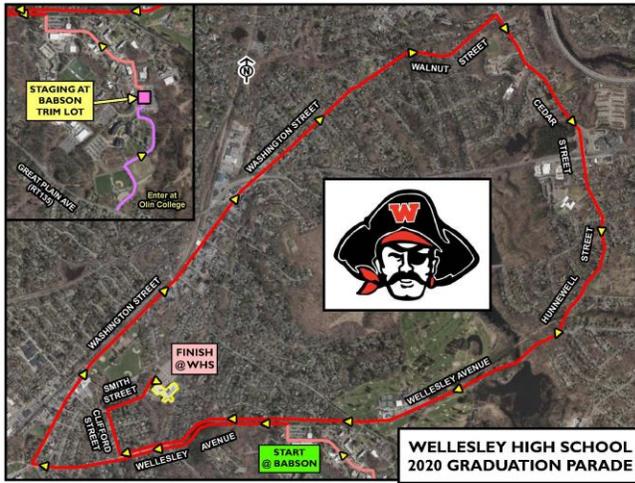
Register to Vote by June 3.

The last day to register to vote in the 2020 Local Election is Wednesday, June 3 at 8 pm. Residents may register [online](#) or drop off a voter registration [form](#) in the drop box outside of the Washington Street entrance to Town Hall, across from the bell. Please remember that Town Hall is still closed to the public. In-person voting for the Local Election will be held on June 13, 2020 at the Babson Recreation and Athletic Complex. The last day to return absentee ballots or ballots requested by mail is June 13 at noon.

Celebrate the Class of 2020!

The community is invited to celebrate the Wellesley High School Class of 2020 on Saturday, June 6 beginning at 9 a.m. Students and their families will take part in a car parade through Wellesley beginning at Babson College and ending at Wellesley High School where graduates will safely receive diplomas while remaining in the car. While residents are encouraged to watch along the parade route, please remember to wear masks and stay physically and socially distant (at least six feet apart) to make sure everyone is safe while enjoying the parade.

The parade of cars will follow this route:



Exit Babson College by turning left onto Wellesley Avenue, Right onto Washington Street, Right onto Walnut Street, Right onto Cedar Street, Bear right onto Hunnewell Street, Bear right onto Wellesley Avenue, Right onto Clifford Street, Right onto Smith Street, Right into Wellesley High School parking lot.

**#WellesleyWillBeWell
Fire Fighter Back Home.**

The Wellesley Fire Department welcomed a true fighter back to the station after his long battle with Coronavirus. Brian Hester was hospitalized with COVID-19 in March and became dangerously ill. He spent 72 days in the hospital and a rehabilitation center, finally returning to fire headquarters and a warm welcome from his fellow fire fighters. Brian has worked for the Town since 1989 and became a fire fighter in 2002. His plan now - keep getting stronger and get back to work with his team.



Electrical Box Art.

Take time to enjoy the poppies in front of Town Hall! While the real poppies at the War Memorial will fade, local artist Julia Blake’s painted poppies on the electrical box along Washington Street spark color and conversation. Blake is one of five local artists chosen to paint Wellesley electrical boxes as part of a joint project between the Wellesley Police Department and the Community Fund for Wellesley that provided the grant for this project from the Al Robinson Fund for the Arts.

