



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: JUNE 19, 2020

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

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

Wellesley Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 106,650 New Cases Today: 228

Total cases in Norfolk County: 8,962

Total cases in Wellesley: 224 (0 new)

82 cases total in Wellesley long-term care facilities

Positive antibody tests: 0 new, 52 total

Public health indicators for COVID-19 continue to show positive progress throughout the State. [See the Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 dashboard.](#)

In Wellesley, the number of new COVID-19 cases continues to decline. However, Health officials are still very active with trace contacting and follow-up to previous cases. It's important to note that the majority of Coronavirus cases in our community have fully recovered.

Phase 2, Step Two Reopening Starts on June 22.

As the State continues to see encouraging health metrics and daily COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to trend down, Governor Baker announced that Step Two of Phase 2 of the Commonwealth's four-phase reopening process will begin on Monday, June 22.

This will allow for indoor table service at restaurants that meet and follow specific guidance. See the [Guidance for Restaurants](#). Other Step Two businesses that may reopen are: close-contact personal services (eg. nail salons, day spas) with restrictions; retail dressing rooms, by appointment only; offices at 50 percent capacity. **Customers are encouraged to check restaurant and business websites or call for specific guidelines.**

We continue to support and assist our local business in moving towards the new normal and resuming operations. Additional information on Step Two and its impact on Wellesley will be provided next week.

Keep Safe and Clear Trash.

To help keep residents safe and our community clean, a reminder to properly dispose of trash when enjoying take-out or dining outdoors and carry in/carry out while frequenting open spaces and amenities. The town has limited service on the weekends to empty town trash barrels. We encourage our food services to provide their own barrels and help with any adjacent town barrels that may become full during this time.

REMINDER: Free 2-hour Meter Parking Until August.

To help support local businesses and encourage shopping in Wellesley, free parking at all 2-hour street meters has been extended until August. Please be mindful of your time; cars will be ticketed after two hours. Parking fees continue to apply in all municipal lots and at 4-hour street meters.

Reserve Your Spot at Morses Pond.

With summer officially here, reserve your blanketing area and cool off at Morses Pond. Residents may sign up for a two-hour time slot up to three days in advance. Please remember to follow the step-by-step registration instructions on the Recreation Department website.

<https://www.wellesleyma.gov/353/Morses-Pond>

Remote 2020 Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting on June 22.

Wellesley will hold the 2020 Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting via Zoom on Monday, June 22 beginning at 7 p.m. The meeting will be televised on Comcast channel 8 and Verizon channel 40 and live streamed by Wellesley Media at <https://www.wellesleymedia.org/live-streaming.html>

Non-Town Meeting Members who are registered voters residing in Wellesley who would like to speak or ask questions during the remote Town Meeting must submit a request to participate to Town Clerk KC Kato **not less than 48 hours in advance of the Town Meeting** (by Saturday, June 20 at 7 p.m.).

Please email kckato@wellesleyma.gov with:

- First and last name
- Street address
- Phone number
- Email address
- Article(s) you wish to speak on

Once verified you'll receive follow up information with participation instructions for the meeting.

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