



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: NOVEMBER 2, 2020

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

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

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 156,385

[View the COVID-19 daily dashboard.](#)

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has revised the daily COVID-19 dashboard. A new key data point is the "case growth by age group." The Commonwealth is seeing a larger proportion of cases in younger people than earlier in the pandemic. Another new data point is the average turnaround time for COVID-19 test results, so contact tracing can begin.

Stay at Home Advisory, Gatherings and Mask Orders.

Governor Baker today announced several executive orders in response to rising COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts. The new orders are effective on Friday, November 6, 2020.

These include changes to the [statewide mask order](#) which will now require masks to be worn by anyone over 5 years old in any public space, indoor or outdoor, regardless of the ability to maintain social distancing. A new overnight [stay at home advisory](#) requires residents to stay home from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. unless commuting to and from work or running essential errands. [Businesses](#) also must close, alcohol sales must end, and restaurants must stop in-person dining at 9:30 p.m. [Gatherings](#) are also reduced – indoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 10 people (from 25) and outdoor gatherings are limited to 25 people (from 50).

November 3, 2020 Election.



Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day for in-person voting. **Please note: All school-based election locations have moved!** A map of new poll locations is on the [Election 2020 webpage](#). If you plan to vote in person, please wear a mask or face covering, maintain social distancing, and follow all poll procedures as directed to help keep election workers and voters safe.

Voters may return completed Vote-by-Mail ballots to the drop box in front of Town Hall until 8 p.m. on November 3. Ballots also may be returned by mail but must be postmarked by November 3 and received by November 6 to be included in the official Town count. Visit the [Town Clerk webpages](#) for complete Election 2020 information.

Election Support from the Health Department. Wellesley Health officials are encouraging residents to support each other during the election regardless of individual views. Many people may be feeling isolated and anxious due to the COVID-19 restrictions; please be sensitive and reach out to family, friends, and neighbors.

If you are struggling or just want to talk, social workers are here to help and provide support. Please contact Wanda Alvarez at 781-489-4358, and Joyce Saret at 781-489-4354.

Veterans' Day Activities on November 10 and 11.



Take part in safe, outdoor activities to help salute Wellesley Veterans. On **Tuesday, November 10**, the Celebrations Committee and Wellesley Recreation Department will offer a mobile movie double feature at the Tailby Lot. The first movie, *Yours, Mine and Ours* (1968 version with Lucille Ball and Henry Fonda) will begin at 5 p.m. The second movie, *Midway* (1976 version) will begin at about 7:15 p.m. Movies are FREE to Wellesley residents; space is limited. To attend, register in advance via the Wellesley Recreation Department online portal or call the Recreation Department at 781-235-2370. Movie registration begins on Wednesday, November 4 at 10 a.m.

On **Wednesday, November 11**, the Town will hold its annual Veterans' Day ceremony at 11 a.m. in front of the War Memorial at Town Hall. The program will include a POW/MIA observance, Wellesley Police Department and Wellesley Fire Department Honor Guards, Veterans' readings and personal reflections. **PLEASE NOTE: In accordance with current COVID-19 guidelines, all attendees must wear masks or face coverings and maintain social and physical distancing.**



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