



## CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: NOVEMBER 30, 2020

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

Visit Wellesley's COVID-19 Information Hub at [www.wellesleyma.gov/coronavirus](http://www.wellesleyma.gov/coronavirus)

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 218,329

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

Total confirmed positive cases in Wellesley: 424 (81 new cases in past 14 days)

Average Daily Incidence Rate/100,000 for Wellesley: 19.5 (past 14 days)

Percent Positivity of Testing: 0.78% (past 14 days)

[View the Weekly COVID-19 Public Health Report.\\*](#)

*\*Case data is from Friday, November 27 and is based on information available to the Department of Public Health at a specific time.*

A reminder that Wellesley remains in the yellow (moderate risk) group according to the State's revised city & town metrics, and cases are continuing to surge in our community and throughout the Commonwealth. Please remember to follow the current COVID-19 orders:

- Wear a mask or face covering at all times when outdoors and indoors when not on your own property
- Stay home between 10 PM and 5 AM
- Avoid gathering in large groups
- Practice good hygiene

CITY & TOWN METRICS			
Population			
Group	Under 10k	10k - 50k	Over 50k
Grey	Less than or equal to 10 total cases	Less than or equal to 10 total cases	Less than or equal to 15 total cases
Green	Less than or equal to 15 total cases	<10 avg cases/100k AND >10 total cases	<10 avg cases/100k AND >15 total cases
Yellow	Less than or equal to 25 total cases	≥10 avg cases/100k OR ≥5% pos rate	≥10 avg cases/100k OR ≥4% pos rate
Red	More than 25 total cases	≥10 avg cases/100k AND ≥5% pos rate	≥10 avg cases/100k AND ≥4% pos rate

Coronavirus vaccines are being developed by drug companies worldwide. Two manufacturers, Moderna and Pfizer, have potential vaccines that are currently in the final stages of large-scale clinical trials and may become available in late 2020 and early 2021.

### Wellesley Public Schools Post-Thanksgiving Case Update.

WPS and Health officials continue to work on investigating COVID-19 cases in schools and issued [this message to the community](#) on Sunday, November 29 with updated case information. See the [complete WPS Case Data](#).

### Updated Travel Restrictions.

Hawaii is now the only state considered lower-risk for Massachusetts travelers. As of Saturday, November 28, travelers from states that are not on [the lower-risk list](#) must fill out a [Massachusetts Travel Form](#) and quarantine for 14 days according to Massachusetts [Travel Order guidelines](#), unless they have a documented negative COVID-19 test. This includes anyone who is coming from a lower-risk state but stayed for more than a transitory period of time in the last 14 days in a higher-risk state.

Health officials continue to urge residents to avoid traveling if at all possible. If you must travel outside of the Commonwealth, please be aware of these specific options:

- You may get a PCR test for COVID-19 within 72 hours before returning to MA. If you don't receive the results before arriving you must quarantine until you receive them.
- Upon returning to Massachusetts, you must quarantine for 14 days or until you secure a COVID-19 test.
- You may leave quarantine to be tested but must return home and quarantine until you receive your test results. If you receive a negative result, you may end quarantine; if you receive a positive result, you must complete at least 10 days of isolation and be symptom free.
- If you have tested positive for COVID-19 and have recovered, you do not need to quarantine after travel for at least 90 days. Health officials recommend that you keep a copy of your positive test result for documentation.

Residents seeking COVID-19 tests should expect lines and lengthy wait times at testing locations, and test results may be delayed. [Find a COVID-19 test site.](#)

### **REMINDER: Special Election on December 1.**

Wellesley is holding a special election on Tuesday, December 1. Voters will cast ballots on a proposed debt exclusion to fund construction costs for the Wellesley Middle School Building Systems. [Read more here.](#)

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for in-person voting; use [this map](#) to find your voting location. Vote-by-mail ballots may be dropped off tomorrow until 8 p.m. at the ballot and payment drop box in front of Town Hall.

### **Virtual Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive for Wellesley.**

Due to the ongoing pandemic, Wellesley's Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive is entirely virtual this season. Town employees and residents volunteer each year for this annual drive, which is sponsored by the Wellesley Kiwanis Club and raises money for those in need in our community. This year's fundraising goal is \$20,000.

To donate, give online at [the Wellesley Salvation Army Red Kettle webpage](#) or mail your donation via a check payable to Wellesley Kiwanis Club, to Wellesley Kiwanis Club, PO Box 812201, Wellesley, MA 02482, noting "Salvation Army" in the memo line.

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