



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: APRIL 2, 2021

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

Visit Wellesley's COVID-19 Information Hub at www.wellesleyma.gov/coronavirus

Total confirmed COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts: 600,632

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

Total confirmed positive cases in Wellesley: 1,210 (56 new cases in past 14 days)

Average Daily Incidence Rate/100,000 for Wellesley: 13.5 (past 14 days)

Percent Positivity of Testing: 0.46% (past 14 days)

[View the Weekly COVID-19 Public Health Report.](#) Updated on April 1, 2021

The Health Department is reminding residents to [safely celebrate the upcoming holidays](#) to help prevent a fourth surge in COVID-19 cases. A reminder that a [travel advisory](#) remains in effect in Massachusetts.

If you are fully vaccinated. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has eased restrictions in private locations for individuals who are fully vaccinated. [Read those guidelines.](#) When interacting with those who have NOT been vaccinated, please remember to follow ALL current COVID-19 protocols.

Vaccine Update

Total vaccination rate (at least one dose) per capita for Wellesley: 33%

[View the Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Report.](#) Updated on April 1, 2021

55+ Eligible for Vaccines on April 5

Effective on Monday, April 5 all individuals age 55+ and those with one medical condition will be [eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine](#). Remember to [preregister for vaccine appointments](#) at the State mass vaccination clinics. Once you are eligible, you will be notified when an appointment becomes available and will have 24 hours to accept. You may also sign up for vaccines at participating retail pharmacies including CVS, Walgreens, Wegmans, and Stop & Shop.

Governor Baker has also announced the State will receive more than 100,000 doses of Johnson & Johnson's one-shot COVID-19 vaccine next week.

Upcoming eligible vaccine groups are:

- April 19: General public ages 16 years and older

Homebound Resident List

The Health Department is updating its list of residents who are homebound or have health issues requiring medical assistance (i.e., oxygen or other). This will help emergency personnel better understand the needs of the resident when responding to a call at their home. To be added to this list, please call the Health Department at **781-489-4356** or email Public Health Nurse Supervisor Ann Marie McCauley at amccauley@wellesleyma.gov

COA Reopening Plans

The Council on Aging is developing a [reopening plan](#) for the Tolles Parsons Center (TPC). The first draft includes a strategic and slow reentry and transition to in-person activities at the TPC. All of the COA plans are contingent upon the continued progress of conditions related to COVID-19 and approvals by the Health Department. Residents can check out the full plan on the [COA website](#).

Elementary Schools Return to Full In-Person on April 5

Wellesley Public Schools begins its [Spring 2021 Expanded Reopening](#) on Monday, April 5 when all students in grades K-5 will return to full, in-person learning. Detailed information on this transition and the timeline for middle school and high school students is available on the [Wellesley Public Schools website](#).

Reminder: Register for School Year 2021-2022. WPS is reminding any new or returning families to [register now for the 2021-2022 school year](#) to help the district with enrollment planning.

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