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**TO:** Healthcare Providers, Healthcare Facilities, COVID-19 Testing Sites, Local Boards of Health and the Community Tracing Collaborative

**FROM:** Catherine M. Brown, DVM, MSc, MPH, State Epidemiologist  
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**DATE:** May 11, 2020

**RE:** Recommendation for Routine Molecular Testing of People Identified as Close Contacts to COVID-19 Cases

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As the pandemic evolves, public health needs and priorities are evolving as well. The number of new cases seems to be slowly declining but as restrictions begin to loosen, it becomes increasingly critical that the healthcare and public health systems work together to identify every case. Rapid identification of cases and identification of their close contacts is a priority.

Close contacts of confirmed cases are the people most likely to become infected themselves. To facilitate identification of infections, molecular testing is recommended for all close contacts regardless of symptom status.

- **Close contacts, regardless of symptoms associated with COVID-19, should be tested as soon as possible after they are notified of their exposure to COVID-19.**
- **Testing should be done by PCR or other molecular test from a nasopharyngeal, nasal, or oral swab or a sputum sample. Serologic (antibody) testing is not appropriate for this use.**
- Symptom-based testing should occur at any time during the contact's 14-day quarantine period, even if the person previously had a negative test result within that same period.
- There should be a low threshold for determining if someone is symptomatic and new onset of any of the following symptoms—fever, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, shaking chills, headache, myalgia, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell—in a close contact should trigger testing.
- The contact is required to quarantine for the full 14 days, even following a negative test result.
- Close contacts may present a letter or a text from the MA COVID Team or a letter from a local Board of Health indicating the need for testing.
- Please refer to the website to find a convenient testing site <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-testing#testing-sites>

Your assistance in this public health measure to help reduce transmission of COVID-19 is appreciated. Questions can be directed to the Division of Epidemiology line, available 24/7, at 617-983-6800.



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### FIELD PERMIT APPLICATION

Name: David Rosenblatt Organization: Beantown Bombers Baseball

Mailing Address: 7 Foskett Court, #1, Natick, MA 01760

Email: beantownbombersbaseball@gmail.com Daytime Phone # 781-400-4334

Field Requested: Sprague 5 (Varsity Baseball) including outfield

For what activity/sport: baseball

DATE (S) – List all

Sunday, October 4

Sunday, October 11

Day (s): Sunday Time: Start 8am Finish 12 noon

Rain Date (if needed): NA

Approximate # of people: 25 + parents # of Wellesley Residents: one all Wellesley team & parents

**To Request a field permit:**

- Complete this form and submit to: **Recreation Director Matt Chin (Address above)**
- **For Questions contact Matt Chin at 7881-235-2370 or [mchin@wellesleyma.gov](mailto:mchin@wellesleyma.gov)**
- Requests to use Warren, Brown, Perrin, Phillips, Ouellette & Hunnewell Park (Town Hall Green) will be forwarded to the Natural Resources (NRC) for approval. \*
- Requests to use school fields will be presented to the Playing Fields Task Force and the School Athletic Director for approval. \*
- \* These committees may only meet once a month. Do not expect a quick turnaround for permit approval.
- Requests for fields made by vendors operating summer camps will not be approved until that vendor has satisfied state and local Board of Health requirements.
- SEE BELOW FOR FEES AND POLICIES

## **WELLESLEY FIELD PERMIT REQUEST INFORMATION**

### **Keep this for your records.**

#### **General Policies:**

- No alcohol, no illegal drugs, no smoking and/or vaping.
- Public property may not be used to conduct a private business, unless certain requirements are met. The Recreation Director can aid you with this process. See "Public Facility Use for Private Gain Policy" at [www.wellesleyma.gov](http://www.wellesleyma.gov) click Government, click Recreation, click Facility & Fields, click Playing Fields Task Force & Field Applications, click Playing Fields Task Force Documents
- Users are responsible for any damage.
- Users are responsible for checking the Town website for field conditions/closures. Fields will be posted when closed during the spring, summer and fall seasons. Assume that fields are closed during the winter.
- If selling food, you must receive authorization from the Board of Health.
- In general, Wellesley fields do not have sanitary facilities.
- **WELLESLEY GREEN INITIATIVE:** The Playing Fields Task Force is partnering with Wellesley Green Schools on an important initiative to reduce waste on town fields. We require you to tell coaches, teams, family & friends, to help in the following ways: 1) Please ask players & visiting teams to BRING REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES TO ALL GAMES & PRACTICES; 2) Please consider eliminating the extra drinks & snacks that are often brought to practices & games (studies show that this has a positive health benefit as well); 3) Consider naming a team captain to oversee garbage collection & recycling or encourage players to clean up after themselves; and 4) Please remind players and visiting teams that the Town of Wellesley is committed to sustainable principles and has installed working water fountains & recycling bins at almost all Town fields.

#### **Priority of Use:**

- 1) Town-Wide Special Events
- 2) School Use/School Coaches' Clinics
- 3) Wellesley Resident Youth Leagues
- 4) Wellesley Recreation Department Programs
- 5) Wellesley Resident Adult Groups
- 6) Wellesley Resident – One-Time Use
- 7) Charitable Groups
- 8) Non-Resident Groups / Non-Recreation Department Camps and Clinics

#### **Fees, as approved in the Playing Fields Policy:**

- 1) Town-wide Special Events: No fee,
- 2) School Use: No fee,
- 3) School Coach(es) Clinics: \$15 per participant,
- 4) Wellesley Resident Youth Leagues: \$30 per participant per season (\$15 to Turf Field Fund),
- 5) Wellesley Resident Youth League Clinics: \$15 per participant,
- 6) Wellesley Recreation Department Programs: No fee,
- 7) Organized Use of the High School Track: \$15 per participant per season; if not a seasonal rental: \$150,
- 8) Multi-Purpose Field (at Hunnewell) for Adult Softball: \$40 per participant per season (\$25 to Recreation lighting account)
- 9) Wellesley Resident – One-Time Use: \$50 for a grass field, including the Multi-Purpose Field (at Hunnewell), but \$75 if using lights (incremental \$25 to Recreation lighting account); \$75 for a turf field,
- 10) Charitable Groups: No fee,
- 11) Non-Resident (Adults and Youth): Grass field and Sprague turf field: \$150; High School turf field: \$375 (fee is for field use only; utilization of scoreboard and sound system is not allowed), and
- 12) Non-Recreation Department Camps: \$35 per participant on a grass field; \$50 per participant on a turf field. (Camps catering to participants over the age of twelve years shall, whenever available, be assigned to turf fields).
- 13) All track and field rentals that are not charged per participant are figured in increments of 1.5 hours. Fees collected shall be deposited into the DPW Field Use Fund, unless otherwise noted or a rental of a turf field; revenue from turf field rentals shall be deposited into the Turf Field Fund.

## **General Field Use Rules**

### **Hours of Operation:**

Fields may be used until dusk with the exception of the lighted Multi-Purpose Field (at Hunnewell). Lights may remain on until 9:30 pm, except for Reidy Field, where lights may remain on until 9:45 pm. No play before 8:00 am on Sunday at any field that abuts homeowners.

### **Prohibited Activities:**

Any prohibited activities posted on signage at the High School track or any fields, consumption/possession of drugs or alcoholic beverages; use of fields beyond permitted dates or times; use of grass fields during wet field conditions or before they are declared available for use; and any activity that may cause field damage. Users must show good judgment when using fields and must stop play if the field shows damage during activity. Any group who causes damage to any field will be responsible for repair costs.

### **Field Closures:**

<http://www.wellesleyma.gov/1049/Playing-Fields-OpenClosed-Status> or call (781) 235-2370 for the latest field closures. If a field is closed, no use is permitted at all. The field status webpage and the hotline are for informational purposes only; field signage and/or direct communication from the Wellesley DPW Park and Tree Division (DPW) take precedence. Whenever possible, DPW will email user groups and post signs when fields are closed.

Please note that grass fields can be closed even when the weather appears good at the time because of standing water, previous damage or other field condition issues. The DPW, in consultation with the PFTF, will recommend when fields should be closed in order to rest them to prevent significant damage from overuse or for maintenance reasons.

### **Weather:**

Since lightning can strike up to 10 miles from a storm, users should seek safe shelter as soon as they hear thunder or see lightning. They should wait for 30 minutes without hearing thunder or seeing lightning before returning to the field.

### **Maintenance of Baseball/Softball Infields:**

Baseball/softball players and coaches are expected to groom the infields after each game and practice. Equipment for grooming is supplied and coaches are responsible for knowing the storage box combinations.

### **Litter, Trash and Recycling:**

All users are responsible for picking up any trash or litter on the field at the completion of their practice or game session regardless of whether this trash was there when they first got on the field or not. Pick up trash when you leave the field, even if it is not yours. Consider naming team captains at each practice or game to oversee litter collection and recycling.

Users are expected to use trash and recycling receptacles located on or near the fields or to take their waste home for disposal. If the group expects to generate excess trash, they must provide a means for removing trash themselves. Bring a trash bag with you to games and practices. Please pick up and recycle all plastic bottles. Inform coaches, players, players' families, and attendees at games and practices that there are water fountains at the majority of the active playing fields and that participants are strongly encouraged to utilize reusable and refillable water bottles for all practices and games.

The last group to use a field for the day is responsible for leaving a clean, litter free field. If you consistently find trash when you arrive at the field please contact the Recreation Director at (781) 235-2370, who will attempt to identify the users who might be leaving the field in such condition.

Users are urged to support the preservation and sustainability of Wellesley's playing fields through responsible use of the fields and respect for those who neighbor the fields. It is the responsibility of all coaches, managers, referees and parents to lead by example by educating our children on the proper use of field space and emphasizing the importance of caring for our community assets and maintaining a clean environment.

Concerns related to the maintenance/condition of the High School track or any field should be addressed to the Assistant Superintendent/Deputy Tree Warden of the Park Division at [dpw@wellesleyma.gov](mailto:dpw@wellesleyma.gov).

## Clear-Span Fabric Structures Project

The goal is to put a cover over a few outdoor courts to enable the Wellesley Youth Basketball organization to run some of their programming through the winter or to just allow kids a safe place to play outside. The cover could either be an open air cover meant to keep snow and ice off the courts or it could be fully enclosed to allow for play in colder weather. There is the option to add doors, ventilation, lighting and heating. Purchasing these units is the most cost effective due to rental costs being very high. One cover spanning the 2 outdoor courts at the high school would be the optimal solution but the cost is higher than purchasing 2 single court covers. If fully enclosed we would like to run programs 7 days a week and until 9pm if lit.

- Structure is energy efficient and very easy to heat and cool.
- Very easy to maintain. Snow\Ice slides off it
- Can serve as rain shelter for fields and can shelter courts from sun in summer.
- Can extend useful life of court and backboards by protecting it from sun and ice
- Can be used by multiple organizations\sports year round or taken down after winter
- Light passes easily through it. Only needs to be lit at night

## Costs

| Clear-Span 120x100 partial enclosure (covers 2 courts) |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Structure                                              | 170,000        |
| Shipping                                               | 10,000         |
| Install                                                | 30,000         |
| <b>Total</b>                                           | <b>210,000</b> |
|                                                        |                |
| Clear-Span 120x100 Full enclosure (covers 2 courts)    |                |
| Structure                                              | 170,000        |
| End walls                                              | 34,000         |
| Doors                                                  | 2,000          |
| Vents                                                  | 4,000          |
| Shipping                                               | 10,000         |
| Install                                                | 45,000         |
| <b>Total</b>                                           | <b>265,000</b> |
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| Clear-Span 54x100 partial enclosure (Container option) |                |
| Structure                                              | 25,000         |
| Shipping                                               | 5,000          |
| Install                                                | 30,000         |
| <b>Total</b>                                           | <b>60,000</b>  |
|                                                        |                |
| Clear-Span 54x100 Full enclosure (Container option)    |                |
| Structure                                              | 25,000         |
| End walls                                              | 10,000         |
| Doors                                                  | 2,000          |
| Vents                                                  | 4,000          |
| Shipping                                               | 5,000          |
| Install                                                | 30,000         |
| <b>Total</b>                                           | <b>76,000</b>  |

Rental costs are 20k per month (6 months) for single court option. 50k per month for dual court option.

Financing is available for up to 7 years at 4-5% interest rates.





