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COVID-19 Update

The Westwood Board of Health is continuously monitoring the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network, or (MAVEN) for reports of new COVID-19 cases. The MAVEN network is used to notify local boards of health of the presence of communicable disease in their jurisdiction.

MAVEN is the system that notifies us of any positive COVID-19 cases in Westwood. When a positive test result is recorded, MAVEN alerts us so we may begin the process of contact tracing to determine who if anyone, needs to be quarantined. This process allows us to track cases looking for evidence of community spread and to then take action to mitigate that spread. Over the weekend we were notified by MAVEN of 8 positive COVID-19 cases in Westwood. Despite the increase, there is no evidence of community spread of COVID-19 in Westwood.

However, increased testing has resulted in the increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases being reported. The increase in the number of positive cases indicates the presence of active COVID-19 transmission throughout the Commonwealth with or without epidemiological confirmation.

Therefore, the Westwood Board of Health would like remind all Westwood residents that they should adhere to all of the recommendations issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding self-isolation and social distancing. At this time, it is imperative that we continue to stay at home as much as possible and only go out when absolutely necessary. When you have to go out, you should practice social distancing.

Lastly, If you have been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 or experience any symptoms related to COVID-19 such as fever, cough and shortness of breath, you should voluntarily self-quarantine and call your physician right away.

For the most up to date information on COVID-19 visit; www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus. For Westwood specific information visit; www.westwoodma.gov or, call the BOH at 781-320-1085 and leave a message with any non-medical COVID-19 questions.