



TOWN OF WESTWOOD
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Weekly Update as of 10.22.20

Visit Westwood's Coronavirus [website](#) for daily updates
Health Department COVID-19 Case Update

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 142,941
Total cases in Norfolk County: 11,274
Total documented cases in Westwood: 190 (+9)
New Cases in MA today: 646
Test Positivity Rate: 1.17%

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is now reporting COVID-19 cases by city and town. This information is updated each week on Thursday and is available for your viewing [here](#). In addition, daily updates and information about COVID-19 and necessary precautions continue to be available on the [MDPH COVID-19 website](#).

A message from the Health Director:

Dear Westwood Residents,

We are witnessing a rapid increase in reported cases consistent with what some have labeled the second wave.

The Board of Health can report an isolated cluster of Covid positive households was discovered during surveillance and direct intervention has been established and is ongoing to eliminate any new cases from that original event. These cases are linked to a residential transmission and pose relatively little transmission risk to the community at large.

We are continuing to get reports of youth activities on Town property with little to no adherence to face covering and social distancing requirements.

Given the increase in the number of cases that have emerged amongst school aged children in a non-school setting i.e. at youth sporting events in Westwood over the past few weeks, and the upward trend in reported cases compliance with these requirements needs to improve. Without voluntary compliance from residents, we once again risk closing fields, parks and playgrounds to the public.

Halloween is this weekend and we are tracking reported new cases daily. We have created Halloween Covid safety infographics which are posted on our website [Westwoodma.gov](#). I encourage everyone who is planning to celebrate to check them out. We will be watching the cases count very carefully heading into the weekend. Should the situation warrant any new guidance from the BOH we will advise.

Stay Well,
Jared Orsini



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