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Dear Westwood Residents,

I am writing to inform all Westwood residents that Westwood's color coded designation for new COVID-19 cases is now red. Over the past 14 days our case count has exceeded 8 new cases per one hundred thousand residents.

It is important to know that our status as a lower risk community will not change this coming week with one week spent in the red. However, should our weekly totals continue to increase over 8 cases per one hundred thousand, this will cause the town to move back to Phase 3 Step 1. Our numbers were pushed higher over the last 14 days due to a cluster in a residential facility. Although that contributed to our increased case rate, cases have been steadily rising over the past few months due to many factors including organized activities, large gatherings, and household transmission, to name a few.

The town continues with rigorous cleaning protocols in schools and public buildings to protect residents, students, and staff.

With a renewed sense of urgency, we are asking residents to do what is required to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Please stay home when you are sick, wash your hands frequently, wear your face covering where required, follow the Governor's order regarding out of state travel and avoiding large gatherings. These simple actions will help limit the ability of the virus to spread.

Thank you,

Jared Orsini
Westwood Health Director