



TOWN OF WESTWOOD
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Weekly Update as of 11.12.20

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

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 174,953
Total cases in Norfolk County: 13,351
Total documented cases in Westwood: 218 (+20)
New Cases in MA today: 2,482
Test Positivity Rate: 1.59%

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:

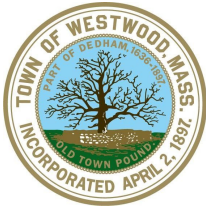
Dear Westwood Residents,

The week ending November 5, 2020, we saw an increase in of 11 cases pushing our total to 218 total cases since testing began. Our test positivity rate rose slightly to 1.59%. We are still identified as a "low risk" community according to the criteria set forth by the Governor. (Note: The report is now issued Thursday evening. Totals listed are through the previous Saturday)

This week [I have included our Thanksgiving safety infographic for you all to review](#). Please be aware of the recommendations as you finalize your holiday plans.

We finished October with 32 cases, which trails only the peak surge months of April (68) and May (34) in total confirmed cases. Without increasing our adherence to mitigation strategies immediately, we will see cases approach or even surpass peak pandemic numbers. We are continuing to monitor our community for clusters and community spread. It is our hope that through testing, isolation and tracing we can reduce the incidence of community spread and combat transmissions inside and outside of the home. We need everyone to commit to adopting these basic mitigation strategies in order to keep our case count as low as possible.

Stay Well,
Jared



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