



**TOWN OF WESTWOOD**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Weekly Update as of 12.10.20**

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

**Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 259,324**  
**Total cases in Norfolk County: 19,113**  
**Total documented cases in Westwood: 345 (+43)**  
**New Cases in MA today: 6,477**  
**Test Positivity Rate: 3.98 (+0.84)**

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,

I am writing to remind you all that there have been changes made to the Commonwealth's COVID-19 protocols in recent weeks that it is important to revisit after the Thanksgiving Holiday.

First, the Governor has revised the face covering requirement to include the wearing a face covering indoors and outdoors in any public place at all times regardless of whether or not you are six feet away from another person. So relying on six feet of separation in order to avoid wearing your face coverings in outdoor public spaces is no longer an option. Limits on public indoor gatherings is now capped at 25, at outdoor public gatherings, the limit is now 50. All events must end by 9:30PM (except political and religious events).

Second, MA Dept. of Public Health has amended its quarantine guidelines to coincide with updated quarantine guidelines from the CDC. The new guidelines contain provisions for individuals to be released from quarantine on day 8 or day 11 if they meet certain requirements.

Third, effective Sunday December 13, 2020 all cities and towns in the Commonwealth have been ordered to operate under Phase 3 Step 1 COVID-19 guidelines.

Lastly, with the approval of a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine, States will now be receiving vaccine to distribute to its residents. The vaccination rollout will focus first on hospital workers and key demographics of at risk residents. The vaccination program will continue in earnest expanding to larger segments of the population as vaccine is delivered to the Commonwealth. More information about vaccine availability will be provided as it becomes available.



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### **A message from the Health Director, continued:**

To review the specific guidance referenced here please visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information>

Specific to Westwood, we have seen another week of high case count increases as well as a notable increase in our test positivity rate. This week about 14% (6 cases) of our new cases were determined to have been household transmissions. We are watching this data for any trends that might be established during the holiday season. Should our test positivity rate go above 5.0%, we will be identified as a higher risk community.

We will update the demographic information next week as this report contains previously reported data from November.

Stay well,

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