



**TOWN OF WESTWOOD**  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
**Weekly Update as of 12.24.20**

Visit Westwood's Coronavirus [website](#) for daily updates

**Health Department COVID-19 Case Update**

**Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 322,652**

**Total cases in Norfolk County: 24,200**

**Total documented cases in Westwood: 412 (+31)**

**New Cases in MA today: 5,655**

**Test Positivity Rate: 3.84%**

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,

The Board of Health would like wish you all a Happy New Year. I am sure we are all looking forward to 2021 with renewed hope and optimism. Please remember it is recommended that residents stay at home this New Year's Eve and only celebrate the with members of their immediate household with whom they have already been quarantining. We realize some may still choose to gather and if you do, we remind you to do so safely by quarantining and getting tested for COVID-19 if you attend or host any gathering over the limits set forth by the Governor.

We are hearing a lot about the COVID-19 vaccine being administered to those eligible in the first wave and are anxiously awaiting widespread availability. Until then, we must remain committed to adhering to the recommendations issued by MA Dept. of Public Health to protect ourselves from COVID-19 infection.

Beginning this past Saturday, the Governor has further ordered businesses and public spaces to temporarily reduce their capacities in order to keep large groups from gathering. For the full text of the temporary order please visit;

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-order-59/download>

As a reminder, if you leave the state of MA you must comply with the Governor's Travel Order. You must fill out a MA Travel Form and self-quarantine for 14 days upon your return. If you choose to get a COVID-19 test instead, you should schedule that test for within 72 hours of your return to MA. You MUST self-quarantine while you await your result. The only reason you should leave your home during this time is for urgent medical care.

Warmest Wishes in the New Year!

Jared