



WESTWOOD

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A message from the Health Director:

1/11/2021

Dear Westwood Residents,

I am writing today to update you all on our COVID-19 metrics. We are currently have had 515 residents test positive for COVID since testing began. In the last two weeks, we have had 92 new cases of COVID-19. Our test positivity rate last week was 5.32%. With that % positive eclipsing 5.0 % we are now designated a higher risk community. Since the Governor has already introduced Orders bringing the entire State down to Phase 3 Step 1, our status change will not result in any additional restrictions.

We are still seeing a high percentage of household transmissions related to families attempting testing positive together. That means, they were either infected as a group by someone outside of the household such as a close friend or another family member, or one person was infected and brought the infection into the home.

We cannot stress enough how important it is to be mindful that anyone in your household who is active outside the home could be infected at any time and bring that infection home. We still encourage people to limit their exposure to COVID outside the home by reducing their social interactions and when you do interact do so outdoors preferably while six feet away and wearing a face covering.

We are also quarantining close contacts of COVID cases in extremely high numbers. No more so than participants in youth sports. We are seeing a high incidence of quarantine due to the proximity players have with one another during participation. We ask players not to carpool if they can avoid it, and if they do they should wear masks and ride with the windows open.

We have been receiving calls about the availability of vaccine and we want you to know we are exploring all possible options available to us to get the vaccine here as soon as possible. The Town has begun the process of vaccinating first responders and we are following the Governor's guidance on vaccine prioritization and will announce any new information as soon as we are able.

Stay Well,

Jared
