



TOWN OF WESTWOOD
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Weekly Update as of 2.8.21

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Health Department COVID-19 Case Update

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 504,564

Total cases in Norfolk County: 41,322

Total documented cases in Westwood: 800 (+129)

New Cases in MA today: 2,603

Test Positivity Rate: 5.00%

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:

February 8, 2021

Dear Westwood Residents,

After one week spent in the color coded designation yellow, Westwood has moved back to the color coded designation red indicating a higher risk of transmission. In the weekly report released on February 4, 2021, there were 129 newly confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported in the previous 14 days. Our test positivity rate was reported to be 5.0%. In total, we have confirmed 800 cases since testing began and 299 new cases were confirmed in January alone.

Recent news cycles have reported that case counts in the Commonwealth have been trending downward in recent weeks. While I celebrate this good news, I want to caution residents that the winter surge may not be over and that Westwood has not seen the decline in cases of COVID-19 that some other towns may be experiencing. We must remain committed to protecting ourselves from COVID-19 infection by adhering to the safety guidelines and decreasing opportunities for exposure.

With winter recess upon us, I want to remind all residents of their responsibilities to adhere to the MA Travel Order if they are planning to travel out of state. To review the MA Travel Order please click on the following link: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>

Beginning Monday February 8, 2021 the capacity limits for most businesses which were temporarily reduced to 25% have been allowed to return to 40%. To read the most recent occupancy limits please click here: <https://www.mass.gov/temporary-limits-reopening-massachusetts>

Lastly, in partnership with the Council on Aging and the Westwood Fire Department the Board of Health has opened a limited COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Westwood Senior Center



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located at 60 Nahatan St. We are currently vaccinating Westwood Residents 75 and older by appointment only. We are not receiving a large enough proportion of the vaccine to offer more than a limited number of appointments weekly. If you or a member of your family is 75 or over and live in Westwood, you can request an appointment by visiting www.westwoodma.gov and clicking the link to request a COVID-19 vaccine appointment. We have had close to 700 requests and are only able to secure 100 doses per week, so we highly recommend all residents seek out high volume vaccination sites such as Gillette Stadium when they are eligible to be vaccinated. If you have questions about the vaccine timeline, please visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-distribution-timeline-phase-overview>. For all other inquiries please leave a message on our COVID-19 hotline (781) 320-1085.

Stay Well,
Jared

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