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**Westport Board of Health  
COVID-19 Update for  
April 8, 2020**

**Case Update**

Total number of confirmed COVID-19 positive cases in the Town of Westport as of April 7, 2020 is 9. One person has recovered to date. Case numbers in town have been adjusted to reflect updated information from the state's database (MAVEN) for specific individuals. Statewide there have been 15,202 cases as of April 7th.

The Town of Westport is committed to keeping the public informed during this period of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. However, due to patient confidentiality only the number of confirmed cases will be reported to the public.

The Health Department will update the public daily (if needed) by 4:30PM with any new developments or changes in Town operations, including confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Westport, on the COVID-19 INFORMATION PAGE:

1. Case of Covid-19 in Westport
2. BOH Updates & Directives
3. E-Alerts for important updates to the COVID-19 INFORMATION PAGE – You must subscribe (<https://www.westport-ma.com/subscribe>) to get an email.

**Other COVID related news**

1. [The Town's COVID-19 Information page](#) has been updated to reflect the latest state and federal guidance on wearing face masks, new instructions for nurseries & greenhouses, grocery stores, short-term rental restrictions and more. There is also a video on proper grocery cleaning methods on the main page.
2. The Town's first Food Pantry grocery pickup date for anyone in need will be on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon. Details can be found on the Resources for Residents tab.
3. On April 7, the Department of Public Health issued an emergency order regarding grocery store operations and occupancy limits. [ORDER](#)
4. On April 4, the Department of Public Health issued guidance related to the operation of nurseries, greenhouses, garden centers, and agricultural supply stores. The [new guidance](#) is available on the Business Resources section of the Town's COVID-19 page.
5. State and Town beach parking lots as well as town landings were closed effective April 3, 2020 to reduce large concentrations of people at beaches during the COVID-19 outbreak. State & town beaches remain open and available to pedestrians for transitory use only (walking, jogging, biking, solitary fishing, etc.) <https://www.westport-ma.com/home/news/town-buildings-and-beaches-landing-parking-closures>

6. **Short-Term Rental Restrictions:** The provision and occupancy of lodging for leisure, vacation, and other purposes during the pandemic is not permitted by state order. The Board of Health has reached out to local lodging establishments and the realtor association to make sure affected parties are aware of the limitations. Click here for [GUIDANCE](#) and [FAQs](#)
7. The Town has installed a hand-wash station at the Transfer Station.

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