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Westport Board of Health COVID-19 Update

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Case Update: Total number of state confirmed COVID-19 positive cases in the Town of Westport as of May 13, 2020 is **61, an increase of 7 from last week**. The state's weekly reporting of the number of COVID-19 cases and case rates by community is issued every Wednesday afternoon and our [COVID-19 Case reporting page](#) will provide a direct link to the complete state report each week.

The Health Department has no new deaths to report and **39** persons have recovered to date. Three persons are hospitalized.

Statewide there have been **80,497** cases and **5,315** deaths as of May 13th. The state is reporting a gradual, but noticeable improvement in the public health metrics being used to track the COVID-19 pandemic. This is positive news and is due to the sacrifices that you all have made to keep each of us and our community safer from this dangerous virus. We are moving in the right direction and are starting to prepare for a phased re-opening.

However, as I remind everyone each week, COVID-19 may flare up again in the summer or fall so we need to remain vigilant with social distancing and good handwashing practices for ourselves and our friends, neighbors and fellow residents.

The Health Department will update the public weekly or as needed with any new developments or changes in Town operations on the [COVID-19 INFORMATION PAGE](#).

Please subscribe to E-alerts (<https://www.westport-ma.com/subscribe>) to receive important email updates on COVID-19.

Other COVID-related news:

1. **Town election rescheduled to June 23rd**. The BOH continues to urge mail in voting to reduce risk of potential exposure to coronavirus. However, I am working closely with the Town Clerk to assure appropriate public health protocols are followed at the polling stations. Click [HERE](#) for mail in ballot information
2. **Phased Reopening** – The Governor has announced a four phase reopening approach and initial guidance can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-four-phase-approach>
3. **Governor Baker's Face Mask Order**. This new state order took effect on May 6th and is similar to the Board of Health's earlier order. It requires the use of masks or face coverings to enter essential service locations and in public

situations when appropriate social distancing measures are not possible. [ORDER](#) | [GUIDANCE](#)

4. **Town Buildings remain closed.** A municipal task force is working hard to develop safe re-opening protocols for Town Buildings and details will be announced as soon as possible. Town Beach parking lots and the Hix Bridge Landing are open to permit holders, however Town Landings remain closed.
5. **East Beach trailers.** Trailers with approved permits are allowed as of May 8th, after the Board of Health voted to lift its previous public health order.
6. **The town's temporary Food Pantry at the Town Hall Annex Gym, 856 Main Road** continues to serve residents in need. Pickup days are Mondays 9 am to noon. More donations of non-perishable grocery items, paper goods and toiletries are welcome. Gift cards and cash are also accepted. Donation days are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 am to noon. The next food pantry pick-up is scheduled for Monday, May 18th. [WESTPORT FOOD PANTRY](#)
7. **Updated resources on Town's COVID page:** We have added new resources for residents and businesses – [Southcoast Food Policy Council resource document](#) and [phased reopening guidance for businesses](#)

The town's COVID-19 page also publishes links to the [daily MEMA situation reports](#), which provide an excellent summary of the most recent news and links to resources. You can also visit the state's COVID-19 page at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information>

Stay safe everyone.

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