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**COVID-19**  
**Special Update December 22, 2020**

**Case Status:**

Total number of confirmed COVID-19 positive cases of Westport residents on Tuesday, December 22nd was **684**. Westport remains higher risk. We continue to see household transmission as the main source of positive cases in town.

The Board of Health regular Friday COVID updates will not be issued over the holidays, but will resume on January 8th.

**NEW State Temporary Executive Order**  
**In effect from December 26, 2020 to January 10, 2021:**

**Reduction in allowable occupancy from current capacity levels of 40% to 25% in multiple sectors.**

- **This capacity limit will now apply to restaurants.** Capacity will be set at 25% of pre-COVID seating capacity and distancing between tables and other requirements will remain in place. Indoor and Outdoor seating capacity must be calculated separately (rather than combining them).
- **The temporary 25% capacity will apply to retail, houses of worship, lodging, museums, and other sectors.**
- Small spaces (such as personal services) and other spaces without clear occupancy standards may use 5 people / 1000 square feet as an alternative to the 25% occupancy.
- The 25% limit will not apply to manufacturing, laboratories, drive in movie theaters, or construction
- Employees/staff are exempted from the capacity count
- **Limits at indoor event venues are being reduced to 10 people.**
- **Limits at outdoor event venues are being reduced to 25 people.**
- Current limits at private residences remain the same (10 indoors and 25 outdoors)
- Limits outdoor performance venues will remain 25% (with the max number reduced to 25 from 50).
- **Office spaces will be required to reduce capacity to 25%,** but there will continue to be allowances for offices with "critical services", such as public safety, public health, and other critical services. There is no approval required for these exemptions.
- **K-12 schools continue to be exempted from these capacity limits and will need to follow DESE standards and guidelines.**

There is also the possibility the reduction in occupancy limits may be extended for another week in January depending on available data. Please visit [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) for the full details.

### **Flu Vaccine Deadline for Students Extended**

For the current school year only, the deadline has been extended to February 28, 2021. For details visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/school-immunizations> or contact the school department.

### **Reminder on Isolation & Quarantine:**

Updated protocols: <https://www.westport-ma.com/covid-19-corona-virus-information>

You must **isolate** if you are symptomatic or have tested positive for COVID-19.

- This means you must be alone, without direct contact with anyone else, until you can no longer spread the virus. This typically lasts about 10 days.
- You can resume public activities after the 10 days as long as you have gone for 24 hours without a fever and without taking fever-reducing medications like Tylenol and have experienced improvement in other symptoms, such as a cough that has gotten much better.

You must **quarantine** if you were in “close contact” with someone with COVID-19 but you haven't shown symptoms or had a positive COVID-19 test, for up to 14 days – though you may test out earlier.

### **You are a Close Contact**

- ✓ if you were within 6 feet of a COVID-19 positive person, for at least 10-15 minutes while they were symptomatic or within the 48 hours before symptom onset.
- ✓ If you were within 6 feet for at least 10-15 minutes of someone who tested positive for COVID-19 in the 48 hours before their test was taken or anytime in the 10 days after the test.

### **When can I get the COVID-19 vaccine?**

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/when-can-i-get-the-covid-19-vaccine>

### **In closing:**

Have a great holiday and stay safe everyone. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

*Matthew J. Armendo, Director*