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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 April 22, 2020 is **16**. The state is now reporting the number of COVID-19 cases and case rates by community every Wednesday afternoon and our town [COVID-19 Case reporting page](#) will provide a direct link each week. However, **just in the last few days we have seen a spike of more than a dozen new cases** that our Town Nurse is working diligently to confirm and conduct follow up contact tracing.

Sadly, the Health Department must report two additional deaths of long-time Westport residents, who had recently resided in nearby nursing homes. Also several residents have been hospitalized due to COVID-19 complications. Twelve persons have recovered to date.

Statewide there have been 46,023 cases and 2,360 deaths as of April 23rd. Massachusetts has been deemed a hot spot and we are in the surge at this time. Once the peak occurs, that means we are only halfway through the number of expected cases. Recent reporting also indicates that COVID-19 may flare up again in the summer or fall, so we need to remain vigilant 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 Westport COVID-related news:**

1. **Face Mask Order, effective 4/20/20:** The BOH issued an EMERGENCY ORDER requiring the use of simple cloth face coverings to reduce risk of the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) when entering or working in public facilities such as grocery stores, pharmacies, convenience stores, etc. Employees of all Essential Businesses are also directed to wear a face covering when interacting with the public or within six feet of a co-worker. [EMERGENCY ORDER](#)
2. **The town's temporary Food Pantry** served over 120 families at its second pick-up day on Monday. More donations are needed. 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, April 27th.  
[WESTPORT FOOD PANTRY](#)

3. **Veterans and Council on Aging Services:** Carol Freitas, Veteran's Agent and Bev Bisch, Council on Aging Director, are continuing to provide support and services to their constituents during the pandemic. Please contact them directly if you are in need of assistance: [VETERANS](#) (508-636-1026) and [SENIORS](#) (508-636-1028). The COA is also a SNAP partner and can provide help to people who are applying for food assistance for the first time.
4. **K-12 Schools closed for the remainder of the school year.** Check the school webpage for updates, including the return of Grab & Go breakfast and lunch for families with eligible school children. [SCHOOLS](#)

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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