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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 6, 2020 is **54, and increase of 11 from last week**. However, the Town Nurse reports two of the new cases actually reside over the town line in Fall River. 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 **33** persons have recovered to date. One person remains hospitalized.

Statewide there have been **72,025** cases and **4,420** deaths as of May 6th. As I stated before, 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 COVID-related news:

1. **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 in public situations when appropriate social distancing measures are not possible. [ORDER](#) | [GUIDANCE](#)
2. **Town Buildings remain closed until May 18th.** Town Beach parking lots and the Hix Bridge Landing have been re-opened to permit holders as of May 2nd. Town Landings remain closed.
3. **Towns Memorial Day Parade cancelled.** Veteran's Agent, Carol Freitas, is making alternate arrangements to honor our veterans. The VSO will still be laying wreaths at places of military importance throughout Westport sometime in the next few weeks. However, in order to maintain social distancing, attendance will be limited to a few select people with a role in the ceremony. In addition, Carol will be pre-recording an abbreviated Memorial Day ceremony to air on Westport Cable TV throughout Memorial Day weekend.

4. **East Beach trailer permits.** The Board of Health issued a public health order to not allow trailers to be placed on the lots until May 18th, to be consistent with the Governor's extension of an order banning large gatherings, closing non-essential businesses and the stay-at-home advisory. However, the Board will revisit its order and consider modifications at a public meeting on May 8th.
5. **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. To date the Town has received almost \$5000 in donations to help resupply the food pantry. Donation days are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 am to noon. The next food pantry pick-up is scheduled for Monday, May 11th. [WESTPORT FOOD PANTRY](#)

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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