



# TOWN OF WESTBOROUGH MASSACHUSETTS

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The Westborough Board of Health is actively monitoring the status of the COVID-19 pandemic in Westborough. The reporting structure below is designed to balance the privacy of affected individuals as much as possible while keeping the public informed about COVID-19 activity in Westborough.

Comments from Dr. Alan Ehrlich:

There was an increase in COVID-19 cases this past week going from 14 in the prior week to 34 this past week. The current week's numbers are more in line with the level of new cases we have seen for most of the past month. Fortunately, once again there have been no new hospitalizations or deaths. As has typically been the case, the majority of new cases are occurring in people who are eligible for the vaccine but have not been vaccinated. Given the high level of vaccination in Westborough, this means that the risks of getting infected are dramatically higher for those who are unvaccinated. Looking at regional data, there has been a significant increase in cases in Massachusetts with the 7-day average number of cases rising to levels not seen since last winter.

While the unvaccinated remain the most at-risk group for getting COVID-19, we continue to see breakthrough cases of individuals who have been vaccinated. We know that the benefit of the vaccine decreases over time and that is why booster doses are necessary. As of today, all individuals over the age of 18 are eligible for booster doses if it has been at least 6 months from the last dose. No other qualifying criteria are needed. As Westborough achieved a high rate of vaccination earlier than most other parts of the commonwealth, many of us are now due for a booster shot, and the Board of Health encourages all those who are eligible for the booster dose to discuss this with your health care providers.

**Data as of 5:00 PM 11/18/2021**

	New Cases since last report on 11/5/21	Total Cases Removed from Isolation	Active Cases	Total Cases to date
Breakthrough Cases	9			
Under age of 5 (not eligible for vaccine)	4			
Unvaccinated over the age of 5	21			
<b>WEEKLY TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2072</b>

Status	New since last report on 11/12/21	Total Removed	Total Active

People in Quarantine (Exposed but no symptoms)	36	1614	32
New congregate care cases	2		

(Confirmed and Presumed):

**Total Cases in Westborough**

Recovered	1632
At home	57
Hospitalized	0
Deaths	66
Unknown	317

**Sex**

Female	1047
Male	1025

**Age**

0-9	150
10-19	254
20-29	317
30-39	331
40-49	310
50-59	237
60-69	163
70-79	124
80-89	104
90+	82

Regional Data	Massachusetts as of 11/18/2021	Worcester County as of 11/18/21	Westborough
Laboratory Confirmed Cases	887,889 *	100,242	2072 *

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Gauthier  
Sanitarian

\* Total includes probable and laboratory confirmed cases.

Source: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting# covid-19-interactive-data-dashboard->