

TOWN OF WESTFORD  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
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November 9, 2022

Attention Residents,

Below is an updated table of positive COVID cases (**state reported only**) in Westford. These case counts do not include home tests. Home test results are not reported to the state or local Health Departments. Our department is currently finishing up with our scheduled flu clinics. The last Pfizer bivalent COVID19 booster vaccine clinic is Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Please see the details below. Please check our website and Facebook page for more information.

**COVID CLINIC**

The Westford Health Department is offering the **COVID-19 Pfizer updated BIVALENT BOOSTER VACCINE** for **ages 12 years old and up!**

**Date: Monday, November 14, 2022**

**Time: 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**Location: Westford Academy Cafeteria: 30 Patten Rd, Westford**

**By appointment only; NO WALK-INS.**

Please click on the link below to book your appointment.

<https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/westford?calendar=9122fe72-f212-43a1-843c-5a2d3d0d312d>

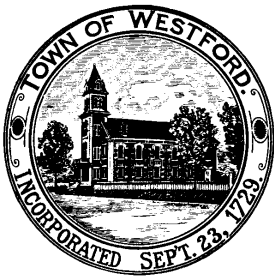
Bring your insurance card(s) with you, along with your COVID-19 Card. This is a booster vaccine, so you would need to have had your primary series completed before receiving this booster vaccine

**Positive COVID19 cases in Westford (state reported cases only)**

Year 2022

January	1146
February	128
March	69
April	228
May	444
June	177
July	162
August	127
September	90
October	104
November	8 as of the 8th

We will continue to see increases and decreases in positivity rates as the variants change over time, an as more people gather indoors and travel. Some variants emerge and disappear while others persist. New variants will



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continue to emerge and mutate as the virus changes. The current variant of concern is highly infectious, but case studies are showing that the symptoms are mild in most cases. Most positive cases are reporting a temporary fever or no symptoms at all. Several current cases are reporting that they did not know they had COVID19; (no sign of symptoms) and have tested negative several times before being positive.

We want to remind employees and residents to stay up to date on their vaccinations, use prevention measures to decrease the risk of developing any viruses. Being up to date on recommended vaccines is effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and death.

Please continue to practice good handwashing, utilizing hand sanitizer when you are unable to wash your hands, stay home if you are sick and get tested if you think you have COVID or the FLU. Practice social distancing when able and wear a mask in an indoor crowded space. Currently, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Westford Board of Health are not requiring any additional mask covering measures. They are encouraging all residents to practice social distancing and continue maintaining their vaccination status.

If you test positive for COVID19 or if you are exposed to someone with COVID19, please follow the below Isolation and Quarantine guidance.

**Free COVID Test Kits for all Residents:** You can pick up free test kits at The Westford Health Department, the J.V. Fletcher Library, and the Cameron Senior Center.

**Massachusetts Department of Public Health Isolation and Quarantine Guidance Information**

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-isolation-and-quarantine-guidance-for-the-general-public>

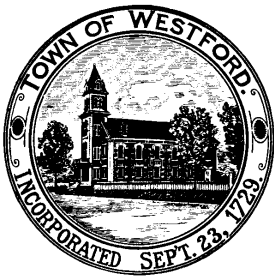
**Massachusetts Department of Public Health-COVID Updates**

<https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-updates-and-information>

**The Bivalent vaccine is currently available at CVS and Walgreens in Westford. You can also contact your health provider. The Health Department**

**Where can I get a booster vaccine?**

[https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_campaign=generalvaxrelaunch&utm\\_medium=paidsearch&utm\\_term=r&utm\\_content=ad1\\_english](https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine?utm_source=google&utm_campaign=generalvaxrelaunch&utm_medium=paidsearch&utm_term=r&utm_content=ad1_english)



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**Who is eligible to receive a single booster dose and when:**

- Individuals 18 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent if it has been at least two months since they have completed primary vaccination or have received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.
- Individuals 12 years of age and older are eligible for a single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent if it has been at least two months since they have completed primary vaccination or have received the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.

**FDA authorizes Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine for Booster Dose**

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-moderna-pfizer-biontech-bivalent-covid-19-vaccines-use>

**COVID Related Relief Assistance for Qualifying Low to Moderate Income Households**

<https://westfordma.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1315>

**Application:**

<https://westfordma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10895/ARPA-application-final-2-2022?bidId=>

**COVID19 Test Kit and Testing Resource Information**

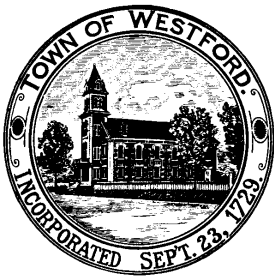
<https://www.mass.gov/news/covid-19-over-the-counter-otc-testing-kits-updated-2422>

**Westford Health Department webpage**

<https://westfordma.gov/215/Health-Department>

Please call the Health Department if you have any questions at 978-692-5509.

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