



TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

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DAILY REPORT OF CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 IN THE TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

The Town of Shrewsbury has been notified by the Central Massachusetts Regional Public Health Alliance ([CMRPHA](#)) that additional Shrewsbury residents have tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19). Public Health Officials are working closely with the individuals and will notify others that the individuals may have been in contact with. CMRPHA will continue to work with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to ensure any affected residents are properly monitored, quarantined and isolated as each case dictates.

Positive cases in the Town of Shrewsbury as of today, **November 9, 2020: 557 (+20)**

Positive cases in the Town of Shrewsbury as last reported, **November 6, 2020: 537**


*State designation: **Lower Risk (Green) Community** as of **November 6, 2020**

Click [HERE](#) for the *Weekly COVID-19 Public Health Report from the MA Department of Public Health*

*On November 6, 2020, the Baker-Polito Administration released [updated metrics](#) for classifying community risk in municipalities. The risk designations (grey, green, yellow and red based on infection levels) will be determined using several new metrics for three population categories: communities with a population of less than 10,000; between 10,000 and 50,000; and greater than 50,000. Test positivity and average daily cases will still be calculated based on a two-week rolling average. Based on the new metrics, the Town of Shrewsbury is now classified as a Lower Risk (Green) Community.

CITY & TOWN METRICS			
Population			
Group	Under 10k	10k - 50k	Over 50k
Grey	Less than or equal to 10 total cases	Less than or equal to 10 total cases	Less than or equal to 15 total cases
Green	Less than or equal to 15 total cases	<10 avg cases/100k AND >10 total cases	<10 avg cases/100k AND >15 total cases
Yellow	Less than or equal to 25 total cases	≥10 avg cases/100k OR ≥5% pos rate	≥10 avg cases/100k OR ≥4% pos rate
Red	More than 25 total cases	≥10 avg cases/100k AND ≥5% pos rate	≥10 avg cases/100k AND ≥4% pos rate

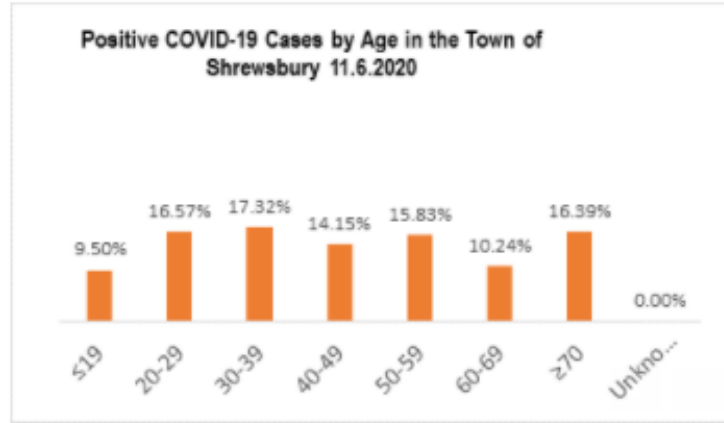
Learn more at Mass.gov/StopCOVID19



However, the updated metrics do not diminish the seriousness of the upward trend in positive cases in Shrewsbury. We continue to see an uptick in positive cases on a daily basis. We are not seeing spread in our schools or congregate type settings. We are urging residents to consider their own responsibility to help reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus. The most effective ways to reduce your risk in contracting the virus and preventing the spread remain the same: wearing masks or face coverings, personal hygiene, social distancing, avoiding large or medium gatherings and staying home when possible. The Town is doing everything it can from a public

health and public safety standpoint to reduce the spread and ensure the continued operations of all essential services. The Commonwealth has launched “Stop the Spread”, a strategic testing program in communities across Massachusetts that have continued to see a higher number of residents testing positive for COVID-19 and is providing [free testing](#).

The Central Massachusetts Regional Public Health Alliance has provided the following age analysis and demographic data for positive cases in the Town of Shrewsbury as of November 6, 2020:



Shrewsbury 11.6	# CONFIRMED CASES	% CASES
≤19	51	9.50%
20-29	89	16.57%
30-39	93	17.32%
40-49	76	14.15%
50-59	85	15.83%
60-69	55	10.24%
≥70	88	16.39%
Unknown	0	0.00%
Total	537	100%

The Town of Shrewsbury is committed to keeping the public informed during this period of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The Town will report positive cases each weekday by 4:30PM*. Weekend cases will be included in the Monday release. The Town Manager's Office will update the public with any new developments or changes in Town operations including confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Shrewsbury, in the following order:

1. [Website Newsflash](#) (visit <https://shrewsburyma.gov/list.aspx> to subscribe)
2. [Alert for COVID-19 Page](#) (visit <https://shrewsburyma.gov/list.aspx> to subscribe)
3. [Cases Tab on COVID-19 Page](#)
4. Social Media Accounts ([Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#))

Additionally, The Worcester City Manager Edward M Augustus will hold weekly press briefings on Thursday evenings in which Shrewsbury's positive cases will also be reported at that time. The weekly press briefings can be streamed live here: <http://www.worcesterma.gov/video-on-demand> *Updates *will not* be provided if there are no new developments.

General Coronavirus Information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
 As a reminder, the Town of Shrewsbury is part of the coalition of the seven municipalities in the Central Massachusetts Regional Public Health Alliance ([CMRPHA](#)).

A COVID-19 information line has been established for Shrewsbury Residents to use at [508-799-1019](tel:5087991019). The line provides facts and information about COVID-19, how to stop the spread, what to do if someone is experiencing symptoms and quarantine information. The line will be available in multiple languages. If you have a medical emergency, please dial 911 and not the number above.

If you would like to reach out via email, you may do so at Health@worcesterma.gov , however, please note that this email is monitored Monday through Friday-8:30 AM to 5:00PM. Due to the high volume of COVID-19 inquiries, you may expect a response back within 1-2 business days.