



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, **December 18, 2020: 1,254 (+14)**

Positive cases in the Town of Shrewsbury as last reported, **December 17, 2020: 1,240**

State designation: **High Risk (Red) Community** as of **December 17, 2020**

7 Day Increase (from 12/12/2020 to today): +199


14 Day Increase (from 12/5/2020 to today): +387


30 Day Increase (from 11/19/2020 to today): +613


60 Day Increase (from 10/20/2020 to today): +780

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

We are seeing community spread. 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:


 Wear a mask.

 Wash your hands.

 Keep your distance.

 Clean & Disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

 Stay home if you are sick or a household member is sick or waiting for test results.

 Get tested.

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](#).

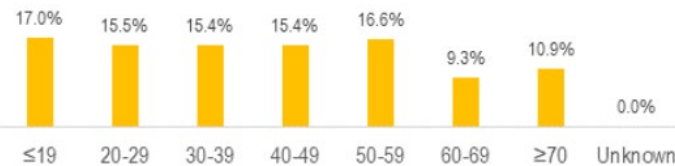
The Town of Shrewsbury is committed to keeping the public informed during this period of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The Town will report positive cases each weekday by 4:30PM*. Weekend cases will be included in the Monday release. The Town Manager's Office will update the public with any new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

1. [Website Newsflash](https://shrewsburyma.gov/list.aspx) (visit <https://shrewsburyma.gov/list.aspx> to subscribe)
2. [Alert for COVID-19 Page](https://shrewsburyma.gov/list.aspx) (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.

The Central Massachusetts Regional Public Health Alliance has provided the following age data as of December 18, 2020:

Positive COVID-19 Cases by Age, Town of Shrewsbury
12.18.2020



Shrewsbury	# CONFIRMED CASES	% CASES
≤19	213	17%
20-29	194	15%
30-39	193	15%
40-49	193	15%
50-59	208	17%
60-69	116	9%
≥70	137	11%
Unknown	0	0%
Total	1254	100%

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:508-799-1019). 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.