



TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

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March 30, 2020

Dear Residents of the Town of Shrewsbury:

Today, the Town of Shrewsbury was notified by public health officials that residents' positive cases of COVID-19 have risen from 9 to 20. There are two primary reasons for this increase:

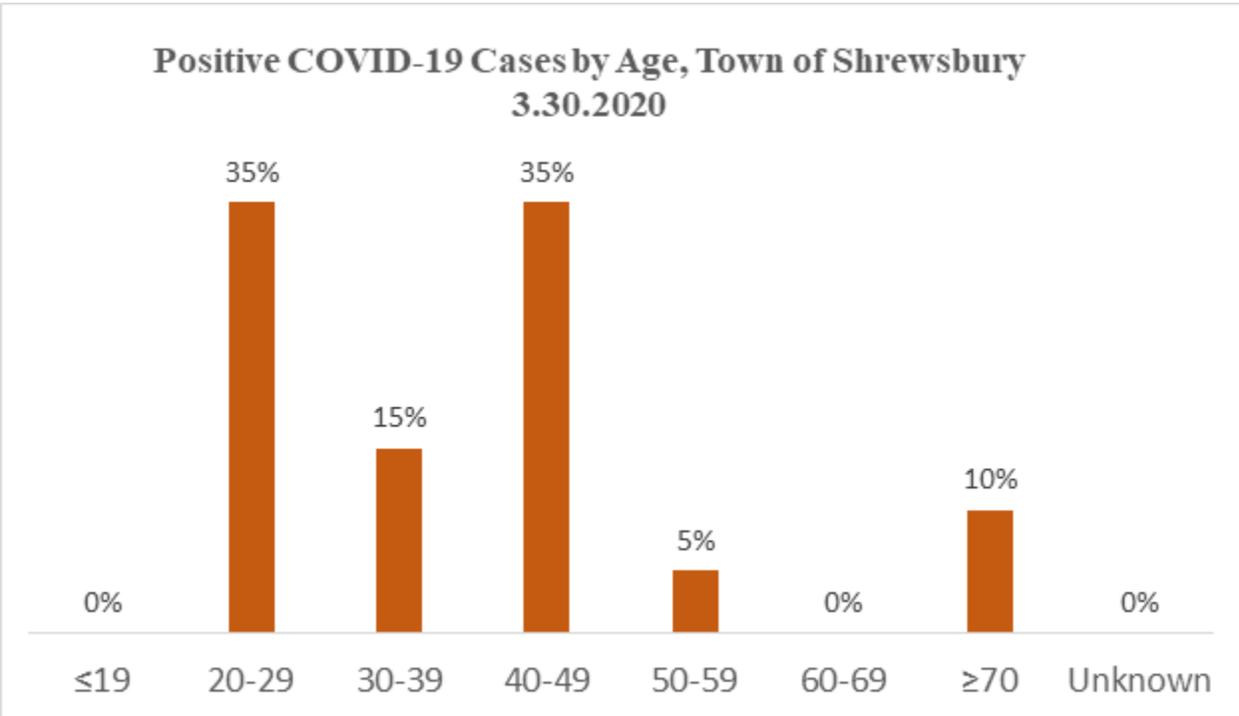
1. Increased testing statewide last week
2. More efficient processing of cases through the State Epidemiological reporting system

It is hard to predict whether daily numbers will continue to increase at such a rapid pace. We will continue to work closely with our local public health officials to provide updated information to you on a daily basis. Please be sure to visit the Town's dedicated COVID-19 webpage: www.shrewsburyma.gov/coronavirus.

For the first time additional statistics were provided to the Town of Shrewsbury with regards to the age of those who have tested positive. These numbers are somewhat surprising and I ask that you review them in detail and consider your own responsibility to help reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus. Many credible sources illustrated that those in the age group older than 65 were the most at risk, but that does not mean any age group is immune from contracting the virus. 85% of the positive cases of Shrewsbury residents are between the ages of 20 and 49.

Table 1. Age of Confirmed Cases in Shrewsbury as of 3.30.2020

Shrewsbury	# CONFIRMED CASES	% CASES
≤19	0	0%
20-29	7	35%
30-39	3	15%
40-49	7	35%
50-59	1	5%
60-69	0	0%
≥70	2	10%
Unknown	0	0%
Total	20	100%



The most effective ways to reduce your risk in contracting the virus and preventing the spread remain the same: Personal hygiene, social distancing and staying home unless it is absolutely essential to go out for food, medicine or other necessities. Over the past several days youth and adults alike have been seen in Shrewsbury climbing over fences, removing Town-installed barriers and other preventative measures in the parks and have been congregating on school grounds. 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. Please take these numbers seriously and do your part.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Mizikar
Town Manager

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, **March 30, 2020: 20 (+11)**

Positive cases in the Town of Shrewsbury as last reported, **March 29, 2020: 9**

The Town of Shrewsbury is committed to keeping the public informed during this period of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The Town Manager's Office will update the public each day at 4:30PM* of 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, City Manager Edward Augustus will be including the Town of Shrewsbury's number of positive COVID-19 cases in his [daily press](#) conference around 5:00pm.

*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: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.