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TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

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<u>DAILY REPORT OF CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 IN THE TOWN OF SHREWSBURY</u>

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, **January 8, 2021**: **1,851** (+55) Positive cases in the Town of Shrewsbury as last reported, **January 7, 2021**: **1,796**

State designation: High Risk (Red) Community as of January 7, 2021

7 Day Increase (from 1/2/2021 to today): +222 14 Day Increase (from 12/26/2020 to today): +429 30 Day Increase (from 12/10/2020 to today): +825 60 Day Increase (from 11/10/2020 to today): +1,288

Click <u>HERE</u> for the daily Interactive Data Dashboard from the MA Department of Public Health

Click <u>HERE</u> for the Weekly COVID-19 Public Health Report from the MA Department of Public Health

Click <u>HERE</u> for the Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Report from the MA Department of Public Health

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.
- EKeep 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.**

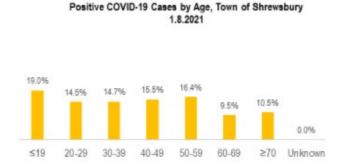
The Town is doing everything it can from a public health and public safety standpoint to reduce the spread and ensure the continued operations of all essential services. The Commonwealth has launched "Stop the Spread", a strategic testing program in communities across Massachusetts that have continued to see a higher number of residents testing positive for COVID-19 and is providing <u>free testing</u>.

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. <u>Alert for COVID-19 Page</u> (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 January 8, 2021:



Shrewsbury	# CONFIRMED CASES	% CASES
≤19	351	19%
20-29	268	14%
30-39	272	15%
40-49	287	16%
50-59	303	16%
60-69	175	9%
≥70	195	11%
Unknown	0	0%
Total	1851	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 <u>508-799-1019</u>. 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 <u>Health@worcesterma.gov</u>, 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.