



Weekly COVID-19 Report

When the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) published their weekly update this evening, our community risk designation remained at the RED (higher risk) level, based on new cases in the 14 day period ending October 24. According to their weekly reports, our numbers went from 9.3 Average Daily Incident Rate per 100,000 on October 22 up to 13.0 Average Daily Incident Rate per 100,000 on October 29.

Average Daily Incident Rate per 100,000 (last* 14 days)

8/12/2020	8/19/2020	8/26/2020		
3.1	0	2.6		
9/2/2020	9/9/2020	9/16/2020	9/23/2020	9/30/2020
5.7	3.1	1.1	8.3	9.3
10/7/2020	10/14/2020	10/22/2020	10/29/2020	
5.7	8.8	9.3	13.0	

Gray <5 total reported "new" cases in the last* 14 days

Green: Average daily case rate over the last* 14 days: <5 per 100,000 population

Yellow: Average daily case rate over the last* 14 days: 4-8 cases per 100,000 population

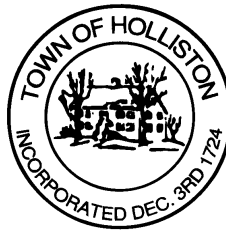
Red: Average daily case rate over the last* 14 days: >8 per 100,000 population

**last 14 days* refers to the two-week reporting period ending the Saturday prior to the DPH's weekly report

We no longer have any cases at either a long-term care facility or an elderly housing complex. Looking at our list of active cases, there are 6 clusters co-located at single family homes, and 12 individual cases at other single family homes. That means our 28 cases are spread out over 18 distinct addresses. Contact tracing is not finding significant linkage between the cases in these locations; community spread continues to occur. Consistent with statewide trends, spread in a few cases can be traced back to informal gatherings, eating out, and participating in sports leagues. A new trend that is being identified at the state level are spread occurring in the context of carpools.

The Town sent out a Blackboard Connect™ message on Wednesday afternoon via voice, text, SMS and pager. Using language similar to text messages being sent out by the state in other RED communities, our messaging emphasized the key mitigation steps of use of approved face coverings, washing hands, maintaining physical distancing, staying home if sick, getting tested, and stopping gatherings with family and friends. Those who did not get a Blackboard alert can register for the system at

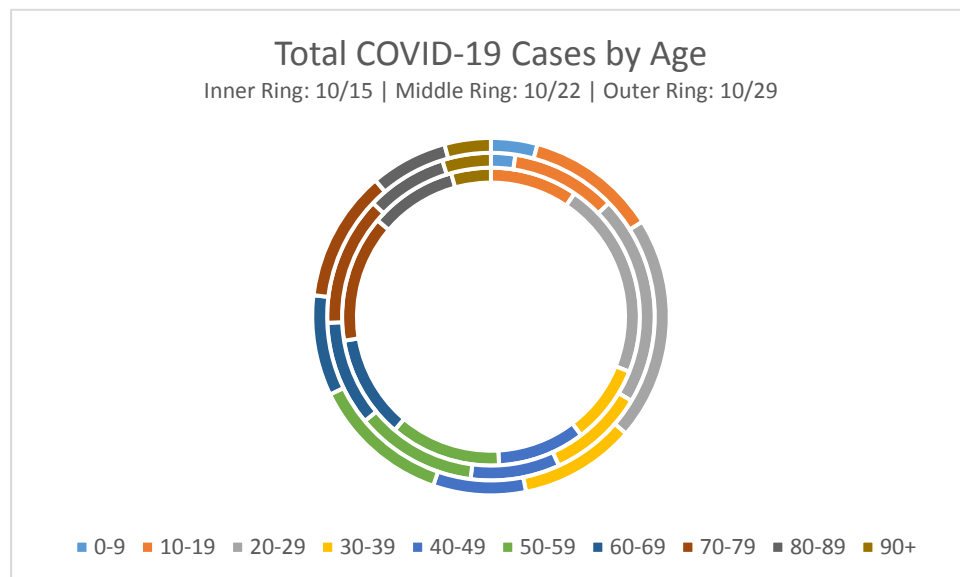
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Looking at our local data, there was a 100% increase in cases in the 0-9 age range, and a 46% increase in cases in the 10-19 age range between October 22 and October 29.

While the 11% increase in cases in the 20-29 age range, 25% increase in the 30-39 age range, and 9% increase in cases in the 40-49 age range between October 22 and October 29 were lower by comparison, the trends in these age groups are still of concern.

By comparison, those in the 60-69, 80-89, and 90+ age ranges saw *no change* from October 22 to October 29, while those in the 70-79 age range saw only a 6% increase during that same time period.



Because we have been a RED community for three consecutive weeks, we are still not permitted to move into Step 2 of Phase III of the Commonwealth's reopening plan. We will not be permitted to move from Step 1 until we have not been designated as RED in any of the last three weekly DPH reports. This continues to restrict both indoor and outdoor gathering sizes, along with sector specific restrictions for other segments of our economy.

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