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COVID-19 UPDATE

Thirteen Additional Framingham Residents Test Positive for COVID-19, Bringing Total to 106;

New Resource for Those Experiencing a Severe Food Emergency

- Thirteen more people test positive for COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 106. With 19 cases recovered and five fatalities, Framingham currently has 82 active cases. Following the guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Framingham Department of Health has not shared any additional information about those who have tested positive because of privacy laws. The Department is in contact with the people who were potentially exposed to the positive cases and the owners of the businesses or places of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps.
- City provides a new resource for those experiencing a severe food emergency: There are many organizations in Framingham working to help ensure that residents do not experience food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the City recognizes that some residents are in an emergency situation and cannot reach those resources. Framingham has developed an additional resource for those people and set up a phone number (508) 532-5479 for residents experiencing an extreme food emergency. Every effort will be made to meet their needs. Someone having an extreme food emergency is defined as a person who:
 - Has no ability to access <u>other food resources</u> in Framingham.
 - Has no formal or informal networks of support for help getting food.

Please use this phone line - (508) 532-5479 - for food emergencies only.

COVID-19 in Framingham: Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found at www.FraminghamMa.Gov/covid19, which is updated daily. Residents can find updates on the website, Facebook, and Twitter - @Framingham_MA. If there is an urgent update, the City will employ the City's "Alert Framingham" system, otherwise known as reverse 911. To sign up for the City's reverse 911 (Rave) system, please go here: https://www.smart911.com/