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COVID-19 UPDATE
Additional Framingham Residents Test Positive for COVID-19, Bringing Total to 112;
New Communication Resource: Sign up to Receive Text Messages from the City

- **More people test positive for COVID-19:** The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 112. With 21 cases recovered and five fatalities, Framingham currently has 86 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.

- **Framingham Launches New Text Message Notification System:** Text "Join FraminghamMA" to 30890 for important updates about COVID-19 and the City. People can also sign up for the text alerts on the Website and select which language in which they'd prefer text messages to be delivered. The City will be using this tool to send short messages and/or links directly to a resident's mobile phone or device. Standard messaging and data rates may apply.

- **MetroWest Regional Transportation Authority will not take fares starting Monday:** Starting Monday, April 6, the MetroWest Regional Transportation Authority (MWRTA) will temporarily discontinue passenger fares. The organization feels that eliminating as much driver/passenger contact as possible and not touching surfaces are important and necessary to the safety and wellbeing of all. The MWRTA continues to disinfect all vehicles every night and provide drivers with disposable gloves, bottles of hand sanitizer, and, when requested, face masks.

- **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" phone messaging system, otherwise known as Rave. To sign up for the City's Rave system, please go here: https://www.smart911.com/

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