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## \*COVID-19 UPDATE\*

Fifteen Additional Framingham Residents Test Positive for COVID-19, Bringing Total to 160;

Those who speak Spanish or Portuguese now have a resource for COVID-19

Education, Evaluation & More

- Fifteen more people test positive for COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 160. With 21 cases recovered and five fatalities, Framingham currently has 134 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 contacts the people who were potentially exposed and the owners of the businesses or places of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps.
- Resource for City's Spanish- and Portuguese- speaking communities to learn about the COVID-19 crisis and apply for health care services: The <u>Latino Health Insurance Program</u> is offering important services to the Framingham community in Spanish, Portuguese, and English. These services include health and dental insurance enrollment, SNAP/food stamp enrollment, education about COVID-19, clinical evaluation for COVID-19, and medical orders for testing (when appropriate). Call or email, 508-875-1237, or <a href="help@lhiprogram.org">help@lhiprogram.org</a> for more information. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- COVID-19 in Framingham: Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found at www.FraminghamMa.Gov/covid19, which is updated daily. To receive information from the City on a mobile device, text "Join FraminghamMA" to 30890. Residents also can find updates on Facebook and Twitter @Framingham\_MA. For questions regarding COVID-19 in Framingham, please call the Emergency Operations Center at (508) 532-5800. If there is an urgent update, the City will employ the "Alert Framingham" phone messaging system, otherwise known as Rave. To sign up for the City's Rave system, please go here: <a href="https://www.smart911.com/">https://www.smart911.com/</a>