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COVID-19 UPDATE

Twelve Additional Framingham Residents Test Positive for COVID-19, Bringing Total to 172

Swimming Pools at Hotels, and Condo and Apartment Complexes Temporarily Prohibited from Opening;

Pools at Private residences Free to Open if Maintained by Owners

- Twelve more people test positive for COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 172. With 21 cases recovered and five fatalities, Framingham currently has 146 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.
- Reminder about swimming pool openings and care amid COVID-19: Swimming pools at hotels and condo and apartment complexes are temporarily prohibited from opening amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Because pools at these locations are considered "public," a permit is needed to open them, and a certified pool operator must complete maintenance. At this time, under Governor Baker's Emergency Order, pool companies, which employ certified operators, are not considered an essential business. Currently, the Framingham Department of Health will not execute any permits for swimming pools at hotels and condo and apartment complexes. A private pool at a resident's home can be opened if maintained by its owner.
- 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: https://www.smart911.com/