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COVID-19 UPDATE

Thirty-five Additional Residents Test Positive for COVID-19, Bringing Total to 214; Framingham Learns of New Fatality, Bringing Total to Six

Mayor Issues Emergency Order to Slow the Spread of the Virus & Protect Residents from Increasing Financial Burdens

- Thirty-five more people test positive for COVID-19 in Framingham: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 214. With 21 cases recovered and six fatalities, Framingham currently has 187 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.
- Mayor Issues Emergency Order: Late yesterday, Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer issued an order pursuant to her recent declaration of a Local State of Emergency on March 22, 2020, made retroactive to March 10, 2020. The order, as noted in a press release, provides for several different measures to help avoid unnecessary physical contact between City officials and residents, relating to parking enforcement. It also protects residents and businesses from the potential loss of essential services provided by the City if they are experiencing demonstrated hardships based on the COVID-19 outbreak.
- 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/