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## **\*COVID-19 UPDATE\***

### **Twenty Additional Residents Test Positive for Virus, Bringing Total to 292;**

*April 21, Online COVID-19 Community Hour: Mayor Spicer and Health Department Director Dr. Wong;  
New Order Relative to Operations of Essential Services*

- **Twenty 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 292. With 21 cases recovered and seven fatalities, Framingham currently has 264 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.
- **Tuesday, April 21, Zoom Community Hour to Discuss COVID-19 with Mayor Spicer and Health Department Director Dr. Wong from 5-6 p.m.:** Mayor Spicer and Dr. Wong will answer resident questions live about how the City is managing COVID-19. Questions can be posed during the hour via the Zoom's Chat function. If you cannot attend and have questions, please email [kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov](mailto:kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov) with the subject line: **April 21 Community Hour**. Click [here](#) for information on how to join. A video recording of the Zoom will be available following for those who couldn't attend.
- **New Order Relative to Operations of Essential Services:** According to the [order](#) issued by Mayor Spicer and Framingham Board of Health all members of the public two years and older, and employees of essential businesses are to wear a clean face covering such as a cloth face mask, scarf or bandana over their mouths and noses and practice social distancing – standing a minimum of six feet apart from others. Operators of essential services shall ensure their customers and employees are in compliance. Further, all members of the public aged two years and older entering, exiting, or occupying common areas of any multi-unit residential or commercial building shall wear a clean face covering and exercise social distancing. Also, all nonessential service departments (such as floral, jewelry, furniture, etc.) located within a grocery store or box store should be closed.

Additional best practices should be employed by essential businesses as defined in Governor Baker's COVID-19 Order No. 13 to the maximum extent possible to enhance social distancing in grocery stores, pharmacies, and box stores such as:

- Home delivery options and encouragement of online ordering and payment.
- Public announcements every 30 minutes to remind shoppers to wear a cloth face covering, keep physical distance, avoid crowding, keep a distance at check-out, and not load items onto conveyor belt until the customer in front has finished their transaction.
- Relocation of high-demand items to limit the amount of time customers are in the store.
- Establishment of one-way only flow for aisle shopping.

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