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## \*COVID-19 UPDATE\*

Twenty-four Additional Residents Test Positive for Virus, Bringing Total to 348,

One Hundred One people have recovered from COVID-19 in the City;

Framingham Public Library & Health Department to Collect and Distribute Donated Cloth Face Coverings

- Twenty-four more people test positive for COVID-19 in Framingham and 101 have recovered: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 348. With 101 cases recovered and nine fatalities, Framingham currently has 238 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 (contact tracing).
- Framingham Public Library and Health Department to collect and distribute donated cloth face coverings: On Tuesday, April 21, the City will start collecting homemade cloth face coverings at the drive-up book returns at both Library locations, 49 Lexington Street and 746 Water Street. The first phase of this project is collection. Distribution information will be released in the coming days as the City receives donations. People can find examples of how to make a homemade cloth face coverings from the Centers for Disease Control's website. Once created, please package the cloth face coverings in an envelope or plastic bag, and drop them off at the specially marked drive-up library book returns. Remember, cloth face coverings protect you and others. Thank you for keeping us all healthy and safe!
- COVID-19 in Framingham: Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found <a href="here">here</a>. To receive information from the City on a mobile device, text "Join FraminghamMA" to 30890. Residents also can find updates on <a href="facebook">Facebook</a> 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>