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

**Sixty-one Additional Residents Test Positive for Virus, Bringing Total to 435,  
Forty-two of the New Cases Connected to Nursing Home Casa de Ramana Rehabilitation Center;  
*Framingham Establishes Temporary Financial Assistance for Residents Impacted by COVID-19***

- **Sixty-one 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 435. With 101 cases recovered and nine fatalities, Framingham currently has 325 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 establishes temporary financial assistance for those impacted by COVID-19:** In response to the pandemic, the City of Framingham will provide relief of rent, mortgage, and/or utility payments for two months to alleviate the burden for households that have lost their employment and primary income as of March 10, 2020. For application information, visit the [Resources for Residents](#) page on the City's COVID-19 website and select the "Temporary Financial Assistance" tab .
- **COVID-19 in Framingham:** Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found [here](#). 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/>

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