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## \*COVID-19 UPDATE\*

**Fifty-eight More Residents Test Positive, City Learns of Three New COVID-19-related Fatalities;** Health Department Releases Additional Demographic Information

- **Fifty-eight 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 632. With 101 cases recovered and 14 fatalities, Framingham currently has 517 active cases. About half of the new cases are connected to MCI Framingham. 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).
- The City's Department of Public Health to release data every Saturday about COVID-19 in Framingham: The Framingham Department of Public Health will release data every Saturday based on all confirmed COVID-19 cases of the City since March 1, 2020. This data includes information about confirmed cases by age, gender, race/ethnicity, fatalities, nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, and residential settings. The data release will also include information about rates per 100,000 population. Reference today's data release, <u>here</u>.
- COVID-19 in Framingham: Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found <u>here</u>. To receive information from the City on a mobile device, text "Join FraminghamMA" to 30890. Residents also can find updates on <u>Facebook</u> 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>