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COVID-19 UPDATE

Forty-nine More Residents Test Positive, Bringing Total to 681,

Nine of the New Cases Connected to MCI Framingham;

*National Guard Testing for COVID-19 at Long Term Care and Skilled Nursing Facilities,
Including Some in Framingham*

- **Forty-nine more people test positive for COVID-19 with nine of the new cases connected to MCI:** The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 681. With 101 cases recovered and 14 fatalities, Framingham currently has 566 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).
- **Massachusetts National Guard to test for COVID-19 at long term care and skilled nursing facilities:** Massachusetts National Guard personnel have been dispatched to many long term care and skilled nursing facilities across the state, including some in Framingham, to undertake COVID-19 testing of residents and staff. The objective of the testing is to identify positive COVID-19 patients, which will allow the organizations to help slow the spread of the virus. The City is encouraging all facilities within Framingham to make that request to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for such testing. "I'm thankful that the Massachusetts National Guard is conducting testing at long term care and skilled nursing facilities because they house one of our most vulnerable populations," said Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer. "Testing is critical in isolating COVID-19, slowing its spread and ultimately controlling outbreaks." Long term care and skilled nursing facilities located in Framingham have been on lockdown with no visitors being allowed for the past five weeks.
- **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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