



# CITY OF FRAMINGHAM

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

**Eighty-four Additional Residents Recovered from COVID-19, Bringing Recovery Total to 185 People; Sixteen More Residents Test Positive, and City Learns of Two New COVID-19-Related Fatalities; MWRTA Creates Temporary “4 Grocery” Bus Route for Beaver Street Neighborhoods; Late Fees on Water and Sewer Bills Deferred**

- **Eighty-four more residents are recovered, sixteen additional people test positive for virus, and City learns of two COVID-19-related fatalities in Framingham:** The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 697. Two of the new cases are connected to MCI Framingham. With 185 cases recovered and 16 fatalities, Framingham currently has 496 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).
- **MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) Creates a Temporary “4 Grocery” Bus Route for Beaver Street Neighborhoods:** The MWRTA has created a temporary [“4 Grocery” bus route](#) to assist with essential grocery store shopping trips for the Beaver Street neighborhoods. Bus service will be provided Monday-Friday to and from Roche Brothers, Wegmans, Market Basket, and the MWRTA Banana Lot on Franklin St. The MWRTA recommends that riders wear a face covering while on the bus. For information about this service in Portuguese and Spanish, click [here](#). If you have questions about this service, please contact the MWRTA at 508-935-2222 or [info@mwrt.com](mailto:info@mwrt.com).
- **Late Fees on Water and Sewer Bills Deferred:** Late fees on Water and Sewer Bills issued during [Governor Bakers declared State of Emergency](#) (on or after March 10, 2020) will be deferred until June 1, 2020. Please find listed payment methods listed below:
  - **Online at:** <https://epay.cityhallsystems.com/>
  - **By mailing in a payment to:**
    - City of Framingham
    - Office of the Tax Collector
    - PO Box 851
    - Reading, MA 01867
  - **Over the phone** by calling City Hall Systems at 1-800-491-9788 (call times may be longer than expected due to limited staff)

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