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## \*COVID-19 UPDATE\*

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- Thirty-five additional residents test positive, City learns of one new COVID-19-related fatality and eight more people have recovered from the virus: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 732. With 193 cases recovered and 17 fatalities, Framingham currently has 522 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 launches applications in Portuguese and Spanish, in addition to English, for its temporary financial assistance program 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. Please click on the preferred language link for the application form: <a href="English">English</a>, <a href="Português">Português</a>, <a href="Español">Español</a></a>
- 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>