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COVID-19 UPDATE

Forty-eight Additional Residents Test Positive, City Learns of Four New COVID-19-Related Fatalities Five More People from Framingham have Recovered from Virus;

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Behavioral Health: Information about and Resources for Substance Use Disorder and Recovery Support*

- **Forty-eight additional residents test positive, City learns of four new COVID-19-related fatalities, five more people have recovered from virus:** The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 780. Five more people have since recovered from the disease. With 198 cases recovered and 21 fatalities, Framingham currently has 561 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 City Hall and all public buildings will remain closed to the public until Monday, May 18, 2020:** Mirroring Governor Baker's [announcement](#) yesterday, all public buildings including, Framingham City Hall, libraries, Public Works facilities (except for the [Yard Waste Facility](#) on Dudley Road), Callahan Center, Loring Arena, Parks and Recreation Administration, and playgrounds, will remain closed to the public until Monday, May 18.
- **Behavioral Health - information about and resources for substance use disorder and recovery support during the pandemic:** Framingham FORCE is a group of local Framingham advocates and community members focused on increasing awareness, prevention, and compassion surrounding the opioid epidemic. People in recovery that are struggling amidst the COVID-19 pandemic can [apply for assistance](#). The organization may be able to assist with resources such as shopping, food, mental health challenges, treatment, and other basic needs. A limited amount of funding is available for emergency financial assistance to people in recovery. For more information, visit their [website](#).
- **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.

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