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

**Fifty-eight Additional Residents Test Positive, City Learns of Five New COVID-19-Related Fatalities;**  
*May 5, Zoom Community Hour with Mayor Spicer and Local Mental Health Experts*

- **Fifty-eight additional residents test positive, City learns of five new COVID-19-related fatalities:** The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 838. With 198 cases recovered and 26 fatalities, Framingham currently has 614 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).
- **Tuesday, May 5, Zoom Community Hour to Discuss Mental Health with Mayor Spicer and local experts from 5-6 p.m.:** Mayor Spicer, Diane Gould from [Advocates](#), Allison L. Parks, LMHC, from [Wayside- MetroWest Community Services](#), and Ismael Rivera from [Justice Resource Institute, Inc.](#) will discuss how to maintain good mental health amid the COVID-19 pandemic. "I know the last several weeks have been difficult and sometimes stressful. Most have adapted to ensure that we don't spread the virus, but changes like social distancing, staying at home, working and learning remotely, or even not working can be taxing," said Mayor Spicer. "It is vital to be able to talk about the changes and develop strategies to help manage the situation." Questions can be posed during the hour via the Zoom's Chat function. If you cannot attend and have questions, please email [kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov](mailto:kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov) with the subject line: **May 5 Community Hour**. Click [here](#) for information on how to join. A video recording of the Zoom will be available following for those who couldn't attend.
- **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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