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COVID-19 UPDATE

Seventy-five Additional Residents Test Positive, City Learns of Two New COVID-19-Related Fatalities,
Forty of the New Cases Connected to Long Term Care and Skilled Nursing Facilities;
May 5 Zoom Community Hour with Mayor Spicer and Local Mental Health Experts

- Seventy-five additional residents test positive, City learns of two new COVID-19-related fatalities: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 1,091. More than half of today's new cases are connected to long term care and skilled nursing facilities as more residents are being tested. With 274 cases recovered and 35 fatalities, Framingham currently has 782 active cases. The Framingham Health Department reports that it continues to see a high number of cases resulting from household transmissions and in apartment settings, in addition to essential services workers. The Health Department continues to offer hotel stays for those who have tested positive, but a majority have declined the offer. 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). In addition to the active cases, the Framingham Health Department currently is following 249 residents in quarantine.
- 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. 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 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 cannot attend
- The 104th Fighter Wing to fly over Framingham Union Hospital around 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, and other Massachusetts locations in their F-15s to honor first responders and healthcare workers: The McDonnell F-15 aircraft is used to protect us here in the Northeast and support the U.S. overseas. The F-15s are scheduled to fly over the following locations:
 - Massachusetts State Police Graduation 12:15 p.m.
 - Boston Convention and Exhibition Center 12:15 p.m.
 - Partners Healthcare System 12:15 p.m.
 - Brigham and Women's Hospital 12:15 p.m.
 - Framingham Union Hospital 12:15 p.m.
 - DCU Center/St. Vincent's Hospital 12:15 p.m.

- UMass Memorial Medical Center 12: 25 p.m.
- Mercy Medical Center 12:35 p.m.
- Baystate Medical Center 12:35 p.m.
- Holyoke Medical Center 12:35 p.m.
- Western Massachusetts Hospital 12:40 p.m.
- Baystate Noble Hospital 12:40 p.m.

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