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COVID-19 UPDATE

Since May 9, 58 Additional Residents Test Positive, 54 More People have Recovered, City Learns of Four New COVID-19-related Fatalities;

May 12 Zoom Community Hour Focused on Framingham Businesses Amid the Pandemic

- Fifty-eight additional residents test positive for COVID-19, 54 more people have recovered from the virus, and City learns of four new fatalities: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 1,282. With 401 cases recovered and 56 fatalities, Framingham currently has 825 active cases. The Framingham Health 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 293 residents in quarantine.
- Zoom Community Hour focused on Framingham Businesses Amid the Pandemic with Mayor Spicer and Business Experts Tuesday, May 12, from 5-6 p.m.: Mayor Spicer, Framingham's <u>Community and Planning Development</u> Director Kevin Shea; <u>Downtown Framingham, Inc.</u> Executive Director Courtney Thraen; <u>MetroWest Chamber of Commerce</u> President and CEO Jim Giammarinaro; and the City's <u>Economic Development and Industrial Corporation</u> Chair Doug Lawrence will talk about how businesses are faring in Framingham amid COVID-19 and what programs the City has established to support them. Attendees will be able to pose questions during the hour via Zoom's Chat function. If people cannot attend and have questions, please email <u>kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov</u> with the subject line: **May 12 Community Hour.** Click <u>here</u> for information on how to join. A video recording of the Zoom will be available following for those who cannot attend.
- COVID-19 in Framingham: Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found <u>here</u>. To receive information from the City on a mobile device, text "Join FraminghamMA" to 30890. Residents also can find updates on <u>Facebook</u> 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: <u>https://www.smart911.com/</u>