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

**Since Saturday, May 30, 20 Additional Residents Test Positive, 37 People have Recovered, and City Learns of One New COVID-19 Fatality;**

*Mayor Issues New Executive Order to Aid Local Restaurants;*

*New Online Resource: Reopening the City of Framingham;*

*Reminder: June 2 Community Hour Focused on Reopening & Recovery, Continuing the Dialogue*

- **Since Saturday, May 30, 20 additional residents test positive for the virus, 37 more have recovered, and City learns of one new COVID-19 fatality:** The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 1,670. With 979 cases recovered and 94 fatalities, Framingham currently has 597 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 157 residents in quarantine.
- **Mayor Issues New Executive Order to Aid Local Restaurants:** As part of a comprehensive strategy to amend the General and Zoning Bylaws and take other administrative and board actions, allowing prompt approval of outside restaurant seating which would enable Framingham restaurants to reopen as soon as Governor Baker allows it under Phase II of his reopening plan, Framingham Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer today issued an executive order to temporarily not enforce certain defined provisions of the City's general and zoning bylaws affecting restaurant reopening and the utilization of parking lots or sidewalks for outside dining until the City Council enacts the recommended changes to the General or Zoning Bylaws or the Local State of Emergency declared on March 22, 2020, is terminated, whichever is later. A link to the Local State of Emergency Order EO2020-003 is [here](#). This executive order does not amend, change or rescind any local orders previously issued by the Mayor, the Director of the Health Department, or the Board of Health that are intended to address, reduce and ultimately eliminate the spread or transmission of COVID-19, which remain in full force and effect.

"By temporarily ordering City officials not to affect certain provisions of the City's General and Zoning Bylaws applicable to restaurant re-openings, we give the City Council time to consider the proposed zoning and general bylaws changes that will provide long-term relief and certainty to the City's restaurant owners and operators while at the same time allow restaurants to reopen with outside seating once the Governor permits it under Phase II of his reopening plan," said Mayor Spicer. "This executive order is another piece in the puzzle of the City's efforts to ensure that our restaurants reopen as soon as allowable under state law, once the restaurants'

reopening plans are reviewed and approved by City inspection, fire and police personnel to ensure public safety."

- **New Online Resource - Reopening the City of Framingham:** Today, the City launched a new section of its website called [Reopening the City of Framingham](#) to provide information on how businesses can reopen safely and healthily. Based on the State's reopening guidelines and the evolution of City processes, the new Framingham site will be updated.
- **Zoom Community Hour focused on Reopening & Recovery, Continuing the Dialogue, Tuesday, June 2, at 5 p.m.:** Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer will be joined by Lauren Turner, co-owner of Common Ground Yoga; Christopher D. Horblit; Vice President of The TJX Companies, Inc.; and other Framingham business leaders to continue the discussion on reopening and recovery in the City. Attendees will be able to pose questions during the hour via Zoom's Chat function. If people cannot attend and have questions, please email [kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov](mailto:kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov) with the subject line: June 2 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.

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