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## \*COVID-19 UPDATE\*

**Three Additional Residents Test Positive and 68 People have Recovered;** *Temporary Outdoor Seating Application Now Available for Framingham Restaurants* 

- Three additional residents test positive for the virus, and 67 more have recovered: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 1,682. With 1,167 cases recovered and 96 fatalities, Framingham currently has 419 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 147 residents in quarantine.
- Temporary outdoor seating application is now available for Framingham restaurants: To enable restaurants to reopen as quickly as possible when Governor Baker allows it under Phase II of his reopening plan, the City has made a temporary outdoor seating application. There will be no fee for the temporary outdoor seating application. The quick application allows owners to lay out how they propose to offer food and beverages outside in a manner to meet health and safety requirements. Eating establishments must possess an existing "pouring license" to serve alcoholic beverages outdoors. The application can be found here. To assist restaurants in reopening, the City has created an easy-to-follow application process guide. Starting Monday, June 8, the Framingham Board of License Commissioners will meet weekly in June to ensure a timely review of every application.
- 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 City's informational line at (508) 532-5411, Mon-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 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: <a href="https://www.smart911.com/">https://www.smart911.com/</a>