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COVID-19 UPDATE

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- Three additional residents test positive for the virus, 10 more have recovered, and the City learns of two new fatalities related to COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 1,697. With 1,253 cases recovered and 99 fatalities, Framingham currently has 345 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 135 residents in quarantine.
- Mayor Spicer's Face Covering initiative kicks off, and homemade cloth face covering collection and distribution to continue: Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer will begin distributing close to 5,000 face coverings, generously donated by Bella + Canvas, to vulnerable populations located throughout the City. This initiative was made possible through the Mayor's partnership with the United States Conference of Mayors, and Bella + Canvas. The City will continue to Collect and distribute homemade cloth face coverings as they are available. Residents who wish to request a face covering can call the City's Information Line at (508) 532-5411. Guidance from the Health Department on how to properly wash, wear, and remove cloth face coverings is available here.
- 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 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: https://www.smart911.com/