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COVID-19 UPDATE

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Health Department Distributes Demographic COVID-19 Data;

City Issuing \$500 Fines to Framingham Property Owners Violating the Governor's Order on Gatherings; Community Hour Tuesday, September 15, at 5 p.m. – Staying Involved in Framingham Government

- Since Friday, September 11, 33 residents have tested positive, 21 more have recovered, and the City learns of one new fatality related to COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 2,123. With 1,884 recovered and 131 fatalities, Framingham currently has 108 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 Health Department is following 75 residents in quarantine.
- The City's Department of Public Health distributes demographic COVID-19 data on all confirmed Cases in Framingham since March 1, 2020: Data includes information on confirmed cases by age, gender, race/ethnicity, fatalities, nursing homes, and residential settings. Reference today's data release <u>here</u>.
- City issuing \$500 fines to Framingham property owners violating the Governor's Order on gatherings: The Framingham Public Health Department, with support from the City's Police Department, has begun to levy fines for those violating the Governor's Order on gatherings to help curb the spread of COVID-19. The current spike in COVID-19 cases can be attributed to gatherings across the City. Under the Governor's Order, those who violate the restrictions on gatherings can be fined \$500 per incident. "Now is not the time for any social gathering other than your immediate household members. We need every resident to help us to stop the spread of COVID-19," said Dr. Sam Wong, the Director of Public Health for the City.
- Community Hour Tuesday, September 15, at 5 p.m. Staying Involved in Framingham Government: Mayor Spicer will be joined by Citizen Participation Officer, Alaa Abusalah, and Senior Advisor of External Relations, Hannah Woit, to discuss how residents can stay or get involved with local government. Topics include Boards and Commissions, 2020 Census, and legislation on which the City is focused. If people cannot attend and have questions, please email <u>kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov</u> with the subject line: September 15 Community Hour. Click <u>here</u> for information on the event. The Community Hour will be available on the <u>Framingham</u> <u>Government Channel</u> and live on Access Framingham TV on RCN channel 3, RCN HD channel 1100, Verizon channel 43, and Comcast channel 9. A video recording of the Zoom will be available following for those who cannot attend or watch.