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## \*COVID-19 UPDATE\*

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- Since Wednesday, four residents have tested positive for COVID-19, and eight more have recovered: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 1,830. With 1,608 recovered and 121 fatalities, Framingham currently has 101 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 43 residents in quarantine.
- What you should do while you wait for your COVID-19 test results and what to do if you test positive: The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has shared further instructions for people who have been tested for COVID-19 and what you should do while waiting for your test results. If you are a resident that tests positive for COVID-19, you should stay home and start isolation. One of the nurses from the Framingham Health Department will contact you to provide support through the isolation period, and to start the contact tracing process. It is important to answer the call to help control the spread of the virus. View this information in English, Portuguese, and Spanish.
- Community Hour Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 5 p.m., focused on voting in Framingham: Mayor Spicer will be joined by Framingham's City Clerk Lisa Ferguson to discuss voting in Framingham. Attendees will be able to pose questions/comments during the hour via the chat function. If people cannot attend and have questions, please email <a href="majewell@framinghamma.gov">ajewell@framinghamma.gov</a> with the subject line: Aug. 11 Community Hour. Click <a href="majewell@framinghamma.gov">here</a> for information on how to join. The Community Hour will be available on the <a href="majewell@framinghamma.gov">Framingham Hour will be available on the Framingham Government Channel</a> 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.
- COVID-19 in Framingham: Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found <a href="here">here</a>. To receive information from the City on a mobile device, text "Join FraminghamMA" to 30890. Residents also can find updates on <a href="facebook">Facebook</a> 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>