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COVID-19 UPDATE

Fifteen Additional Framingham Residents Test Positive for COVID-19, Bringing Total to 36; Framingham Learns of the City's First COVID-19 Fatality

- Fifteen more people test positive for COVID-19 and the City learns of Framingham's first COVID-19 fatality: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 36. With eight cases recovered and the City's first COVID-19 fatality, Framingham has 27 active cases. The deceased was a male in his eighties who had underlying respiratory conditions. HIPAA privacy laws prohibit the City from disclosing any additional information about those who have tested positive. The Health Department is in contact with the people who, and businesses that were potentially exposed to the positive cases to inform and counsel them on next steps.
- Emergency child care services for essential workers offered at no cost: The MetroWest YMCA is providing Emergency Child Care for children of health care workers, first responders, and other essential needed personnel. This drop-in care is designed to be a last resort for people who fill critical roles in our community and have exhausted all other options for care for their children so that they can work. The free program will take place in the Framingham YMCA Branch located at 280-282 Old Connecticut Path and is open to children 15 months 5th grade, 7 a.m. 6 p.m. weekdays with breakfast, lunch, and a snack being served daily. This program is available on a first-come, first-serve basis with pre-registration strongly encouraged. For complete details, FAQ, and contact information for this service, please click here. Families who are interested in having their children participate should fill out the <u>enrollment form</u> here. Thank you to the caring and compassionate staff of the MetroWest YMCA who are working to make this possible.
- **Resident Resources**: The City has a dedicated page for residents that provides information about City Departments, public meetings, unemployment, how to pay your excise tax, and more. Please check it out <u>here.</u>
- COVID-19 in Framingham: Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found at <u>www.FraminghamMa.Gov/covid19</u>, which is updated daily. Residents can find updates on the <u>website</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and Twitter - @Framingham_MA. If there is an urgent update, the City will employ the City's "Alert Framingham" system, otherwise known as reverse 911. To sign up for the City's reverse 911 system, please go here: <u>https://www.smart911.com/</u>