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COVID-19 UPDATE

Four Additional Framingham Residents Test Positive for COVID-19, Bringing Total to 46;
City Hall, Libraries, Callahan Center and Loring Arena remain closed to the public until May 4

- **Four more people test positive for COVID-19:** The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 46. With ten cases recovered and the City's first [COVID-19 fatality](#), Framingham currently has 35 active cases. Following the guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Framingham Department of Health has not shared any additional information about those who have tested positive because of privacy laws. The Department is in contact with the people who were potentially exposed to the positive cases and the owners of the businesses or place of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps.
- **City Hall, Libraries, Callahan Center and Loring Arena remain closed to the public until May 4:** Framingham's City Hall, Libraries, Callahan Center and Loring Arena will remain closed to the public until Monday, May 4, 2020. Services essential to public health and safety – like police and fire responses and trash collection will continue as normal. Members of the public seeking City Hall assistance, please contact (by phone or email) departments. All city departments can be found at <https://www.framinghamma.gov/63/Departments>. Any request that can be fulfilled online or by email shall be fulfilled in that manner. The City will continue to monitor the situation and reevaluate the closures regularly.
- **The State Conflict of Interest Law, G.L. c. 268A, Prevents the City from Donating to or Raising Funds for Specific Charitable Organizations:** There have been questions asked about the City's ability to provide financial resources to the generous organizations that are working to address food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic. M.G.L. 268A of the Conflict of Interest Law, specifically section 23(b) (2) (ii), prevents the City from raising or donating funds for specific charitable organizations. Instead, the City is working with all of the organizations that are providing food assistance to coordinate the #FeedFramingham effort to help ensure that the needs of those people who are food insecure are met. Additionally, the City is investigating alternative options that may allow the direct utilization of City funds to assist with food delivery efforts consistent with the Conflict of Interest Law and other applicable laws. The City will report in a future press release regarding the outcome of this investigation and the additional steps that the City plans to undertake in light of the same.

- **COVID-19 in Framingham:** Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found at www.FraminghamMa.Gov/covid19, which is updated daily. Residents can find updates on the [website](#), [Facebook](#), 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: <https://www.smart911.com/>

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