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## \*COVID-19 UPDATE\*

Twelve Additional Framingham Residents Test Positive for COVID-19, Bringing Total to 58;

Donate to the #FeedFramingham Effort to Support Food Insecure Residents

- Twelve more people test positive for COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 58. With 18 cases recovered and the City's first COVID-19 fatality, Framingham currently has 39 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 places of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps.
- Make a donation to help feed those in need in Framingham: The City has noted links to the six organizations that are providing food resources for those residents who are experiencing food insecurity during the pandemic on its Food and Donation Information page. As well, there is a link to the Foundation for MetroWest (a partner in #FeedFramingham) effort. They have set up an emergency fund to accept donations. All proceeds collected by the Foundation's "Feed Framingham COVID-19 Fund" will go directly to organizations working to facilitate direct access to hunger relief efforts in the City. People who wish to donate to the #FeedFramingham effort should go to the Food and Donation Information page on the City's COVID-19 website and select the "Make a Donation" tab.
- COVID-19 in Framingham: Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found at <a href="www.FraminghamMa.Gov/covid19">www.FraminghamMa.Gov/covid19</a>, which is updated daily. Residents can find updates on the <a href="website">website</a>, 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: <a href="https://www.smart911.com/">https://www.smart911.com/</a>