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**Framingham's Public Health Department Cuts Ribbon to Open
New Public Health Nursing Office and Clinic at 113 Concord Street on Tuesday, August 20, at 1 p.m.**

FRAMINGHAM: The Framingham Health Department will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the grand opening of its new Public Health Nursing Office and Clinic, located at 113 Concord Street on Tuesday, August 20, at 1 p.m. The new 1,270 square-foot space includes office and workspace, vaccine and medical supply storage area, a reception area, and an exam room for clinic services.

The Office of Public Health Nursing provides a variety of health-related services to Framingham residents.

The nursing clinic is open daily to provide immunizations for uninsured/under-insured children so they can enroll in and attend school. The clinic also administers influenza, pneumonia, and shingles vaccines for older adults. Clinic hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. and 4 - 5 p.m.; Tuesday: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. and 4 - 6 p.m.; and Friday: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

In addition, the Office investigates, reports, and provides follow up services related to communicable diseases like tuberculosis. It oversees foodborne illness investigation and follow up, surveillance of infectious and non-infectious diseases, the potential initiation of quarantine or isolation orders, and monitors disease trends with state and local partners. Depending on the day or week, staff may make daily home visits to residents with active tuberculosis, set up an impromptu vaccine clinic to respond to a measles or Hepatitis A exposure, or provide health education such as West Nile Virus or Lyme's Disease.

Moreover, the Chief Public Health Nurse supervises Framingham's Emergency Preparedness activities and our award-winning Medical Reserve Corps (MCR). The MCR is comprised of more than 250 residents who volunteer their time to train for emergency events and participate in critical public health services. The MCR program increases the capacity of Framingham's public health nursing services without increasing costs. Members volunteer at city-wide flu clinics, staff the Receiving Center at the Boston Marathon, operate first aid tents at community events, collect prescription medications at the Drug Take-Back Day, and more. Framingham is recognized as a model community in this work. Lastly, the Framingham's Office of Public Health Nursing is home to the Coordinating Manager for MCR Region 4A.

All are welcome to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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