



CITY OF FRAMINGHAM

150 Concord Street
Framingham, MA 01702
www.framinghamma.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 3/27/2020

For further information contact:

Kelly McFalls
kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov
Tel (508) 532-5437
M (774) 285-1315

COVID-19 UPDATE

One Additional Framingham Resident Tests Positive for COVID-19, Bringing Total to 37;
City to Open Emergency Operations Center to Answer Residents' Questions about COVID-19

- **One more person tests positive for COVID-19:** The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 37. With ten cases recovered and the City's first COVID-19 fatality, Framingham has 26 active cases. 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.
- **City's Emergency Operations Center:** The City will open its Emergency Operations Center Saturday, March 28, (8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., seven days a week) to answer questions related to COVID-19, food resources, testing sites, and ways to slow the spread of the virus such as social distancing and hygiene. **The phone number of the Emergency Operations Center is (508) 532-5800.**
- **Reminder – All City playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, skate park, and Bowditch track are closed until further notice.** Parks and Trails will remain open for passive use. Residents are encouraged to practice social distancing while enjoying nature. Maintenance in parks will continue. The City is taking action to minimize exposure to COVID-19 in public spaces. The health and safety of residents is a top priority. Framingham is following the safety recommendations outlined in the State of Emergency declaration by Governor Charlie Baker and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- **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/>

###