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COVID-19 UPDATE
Thirty-five Additional Residents Test Positive for COVID-19, Bringing Total to 249;
New Resource: Ordering Take-out or Food Delivery During COVID-19

- **Thirty-five more people test positive for COVID-19 in Framingham:** The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 249. With 21 cases recovered and six fatalities, Framingham currently has 222 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 contacts the people who were potentially exposed and the owners of the businesses or places of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps.

- **How to safely order take-out or food delivery during the COVID-19 outbreak:** Unlike foodborne gastrointestinal viruses, like Norovirus and Hepatitis A, that often make people ill through contaminated food, COVID-19 is a virus that causes respiratory illness. Foodborne exposure to this virus is not known to be a route of transmission. There is currently no evidence to support the transmission of COVID-19 associated with food or food packaging. Additionally, facilities are required to control any risks that might be associated with workers who are ill regardless of the type of virus or bacteria. According to the FDA, we do not anticipate that food products would need to be recalled or be withdrawn from the market because of COVID-19 since there is no evidence to support the transmission to be associated with food. The key to reducing COVID-19 exposure is minimizing person-to-person contact by maintaining social distancing. The Framingham Health Department developed a guide to help ensure that people have safe experiences with take-out food and food delivery. This guide is also available in Portuguese and Spanish.

- **COVID-19 in Framingham:** Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found at www.FraminghamMa.Gov/covid19, which is updated daily. To receive information from the City on a mobile device, text "Join FraminghamMA" to 30890. Residents also can find updates on Facebook and Twitter - @Framingham_MA. For questions regarding COVID-19 in Framingham, please call the Emergency Operations Center at (508) 532-5800. If there is an urgent update, the City will employ the "Alert Framingham" phone messaging system, otherwise known as Rave. To sign up for the City's Rave system, please go here: https://www.smart911.com/

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