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COVID-19 UPDATE

Additional Residents Test Positive for Virus, Bringing Total to 253

Curbside Leaf and Brush Collection on Schedule to Begin Next Week

From the CDC: Create and Wear Cloth Masks in Public to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

- **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 253. With 21 cases recovered and seven fatalities, Framingham currently has 225 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.
- **Curbside Leaf and Brush Collection on Schedule despite Pandemic:** Next week, the City will begin its spring curbside collection on residents' regular trash/recycling collection days. Leaves will be collected April 20 – May 1, and brush bundles will be picked up May 4-8. Residents should [reference the following practices](#) to take advantage of the curbside collection. Yard waste and brush not conforming to the practices will not be collected and left at the curb.
- **Use cloth face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID-19:** The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports that a significant portion of people with COVID-19 lack symptoms, and those who eventually develop symptoms can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity, even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms. The CDC recommends wearing a cloth face-covering in public settings where other social distancing measures are challenging to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. To create and fit your own face mask, please reference [information](#) from CDC.
- **COVID-19 in Framingham:** Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found [here](#). 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. 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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