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## **\*COVID-19 UPDATE\***

**Twenty Additional Residents Test Positive for Virus, Bringing Total to 374;**

*Framingham Establishes Small Business Grant Program;*

*Online Community Hour Today with Mayor Spicer & Health Department Director Dr. Wong*

- **Twenty 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 374. With 101 cases recovered and nine fatalities, Framingham currently has 264 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 (contact tracing).
- **Framingham establishes COVID-19 Emergency Small Business Grant Program:** The new program will help stabilize existing small businesses within the City that have had significant business disruption due to COVID-19. These grant funds will assist small businesses to cover wages, rent, loss of inventory, and other fixed costs. [Application information](#) is available in English, Portuguese, and Spanish.
- **Online Zoom Community Hour to Discuss COVID-19 with Mayor Spicer and Health Department Director Dr. Wong today 5-6 p.m.:** Mayor Spicer and Dr. Wong will answer resident questions live about how the City is managing COVID-19. Questions can be posed during the hour via the Zoom's Chat function. If you cannot attend and have questions, please email [kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov](mailto:kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov) with the subject line: **April 21 Community Hour**. Click [here](#) for information on how to join. A video recording of the Zoom will be available on the City's and Mayor's Facebook page following for those who couldn't attend.
- **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. 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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