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COVID-19 UPDATE

**In the Middle of COVID-19 Surge, Fifty-nine More Residents Test Positive, Bringing Total to 574;
Nine of the New Cases Connected to Long Term Care and Skilled Nursing Facilities;**

City Seeks to Slow Transmission by Housing Some of the Newly Diagnosed in Hotels for Isolation

- **Fifty-nine 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 574. With 101 cases recovered and 11 fatalities, Framingham currently has 462 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).
- **Tactics to slow transmission are working except for people, cohabitating with others who already have the virus:** In addition to long term care and skilled nursing facilities, many of the new cases in the last couple of weeks are connected to household members who tested positive earlier. To reduce transmission within the same household of people newly diagnosed, the Health Department identifies residents whose living conditions do not support appropriate levels of isolation and offers temporary housing and meals at local hotels. "The bottom line is that people transmit this virus," said Dr. Sam Wong, Director of the Framingham Health Department. "While our numbers of newly diagnosed residents grow daily, sometimes dramatically, many of these new cases come from people being exposed to the virus while residing with others who've been diagnosed and can not properly isolate. The steps people are taking to socially distance themselves, wear cloth face coverings, stay at home, wash their hands, and sanitize surfaces are working. Our numbers would likely be much higher if these steps were not taken."
- **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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