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COVID-19 UPDATE

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*Emergency Operations Center Closed Today at 3:30 p.m. and
Replaced by a New City Informational Phone Line Tuesday, May 26;*
*Memorial Day Weekend Reminder: Framingham Beaches, Playgrounds, Basketball and Tennis Courts,
Track and Athletic Fields to Remain Closed Until Further Notice*

- **Fourteen additional residents test positive for the virus, 21 more have recovered, and the City learns of one new COVID-19-related fatality:** The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 1,564. With 753 cases recovered and 86 fatalities, Framingham currently has 725 active cases. The Framingham Health 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). In addition to the active cases, the Framingham Health Department currently is following 234 residents in quarantine.
- **Framingham's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) closed today at 3:30 p.m. and will be replaced by a new City informational phone line Tuesday, May 26:** Framingham activates its EOC during Citywide or large scale emergency incidents. On March 28, the City opened its EOC in response to the pandemic. As resident calls have begun to subside, it was decided to transfer operations to a City Informational phone line to be manned by library staff. The people operating the line will be informed with daily updated frequently asked questions. The new line, which is **(508) 532-5411**, will be answered by a person Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Like the EOC, residents will be able to get answers related to Framingham COVID-19, food resources, testing sites, and ways to slow the spread of the virus, such as social distancing and hygiene. When the Informational Line is not staffed (after 3:30 p.m. on weekdays and over the weekend), residents will receive a detailed message with information about City functions and where they can find additional information, as well as a request to leave their name, phone number and question. All messages will be returned the next business day.
- **Celebrating Memorial Day Weekend in Framingham:** Often people gather on Memorial Day and the weekend leading up to it with friends and family to remember the brave men and women who gave their all for our freedom. This year will be different. We cannot all get together as we must continue to practice social distancing. We can, however, still extend our gratitude and thanks by honoring the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep America safe. This long weekend, as always, be safe, continue to practice social distancing, wear a cloth face covering when in public, wash your hands, and raise the flag to honor those who have lost their lives serving. **Reminder: Framingham beaches, playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts, track and athletic fields to remain closed until further notice.**

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