



# CITY OF FRAMINGHAM

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

**Since Monday, 21 Residents have Tested Positive, 11 More have Recovered, and City Learns of Two New Fatalities Related to COVID-19;**

*Framingham Added to "High Risk" Category on Massachusetts COVID-19 Map;*

*Reminder: Free Walk-up Testing Tuesdays and Thursdays at Amazing Things Art Center on Hollis St.*

- **Since Monday, 21 residents have tested positive, 11 more have recovered, and City learns of two new fatalities related to COVID-19:** The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 1,958. With 1,690 recovered and 123 fatalities, Framingham currently has 145 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 Health Department is following 76 residents in quarantine.
- **Framingham has been added to the ["high risk" category](#) on the Massachusetts COVID-19 map:** Until today, the City was classified as "yellow" or "moderate risk" with four to eight cases per 100,000. Today, the State reclassified the City as "red" or "high risk" with more than eight cases per 100,000. The City has seen an uptick in COVID-19 case counts over the last month. Cities and towns in the "red" or "high-risk" category are at extremely high risk for COVID-19 infections. People should continue to wear face coverings, practice social distancing, avoid crowds, wash their hands in warm water for 20 seconds, and disinfect surfaces to slow the spread of the virus.
- **Reminder: free, walk-up COVID-19 testing at Amazing Things Art Center (walk-up testing only, no parking available):**
  - **Location:** Amazing Things Arts Center - 160 Hollis St., Framingham, MA 01702
  - **Dates:** Starting Tuesday, August 18, through Thursday, September 10
  - **Hours:**
    - Tuesday and Thursday – 3-6 p.m.
  - **Eligibility:** Open to everyone; symptomatic and asymptomatic
  - **Appointment:** No appointment required
  - **Format:** Walk-up testing only
  - **Cost:** FREE; no insurance required
  - **Test Results:** People will receive results in approximately 72 hours from Fallon Ambulance, who is conducting the tests.

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