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

**Since Friday, Aug. 28, 27 Residents have Tested Positive, Ten More have Recovered, and City Learns of One New Fatality Related to COVID-19;**

*Health Department Distributes Demographic COVID-19 Data;*

*Community Hour Tuesday Focused on Continuing the Conversation - Proposed Housing Moratorium;*

*Fire Department Awarded a Grant to Purchase Additional Personal Protective Equipment*

- **Since Friday, Aug. 28, 27 residents have tested positive for COVID-19, ten more have recovered, and the City learns of one new fatality related to COVID-19:** The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 2,006. With 1,778 recovered and 124 fatalities, Framingham currently has 104 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 69 residents in quarantine.
- **The City's Department of Public Health distributes demographic COVID-19 data every Monday on all confirmed Cases in Framingham since March 1, 2020:** Data includes information on confirmed cases by age, gender, race/ethnicity, fatalities, nursing homes, and residential settings. Reference today's data release [here](#).
- **Community Hour Tuesday, September 1, at 5 p.m., focused on continuing the conversation, proposed housing moratorium:** Mayor Spicer will be joined by District 1 City Councilor Christine Long and CEO and founder of 1854 Cycling, Brandale Randolph, to continue discussing the proposed housing moratorium in Framingham. Attendees will be able to pose questions/comments during the hour via the chat function. If people cannot attend and have questions, please email [kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov](mailto:kmcfalls@framinghamma.gov) with the subject line: September 1 Community Hour. Click [here](#) for information on how to join. The Community Hour will be available on the [Framingham Government Channel](#) and live on Access Framingham TV on RCN channel 3, RCN HD channel 1100, Verizon channel 43, and Comcast channel 9. A video recording of the Zoom will be available following for those who cannot attend.
- **The Framingham Fire Department was awarded \$14,763.64 under the Directorate's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (COVID-19 Supplemental):** The grant will be used to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE). "We are appreciative of the award," said Fire Chief Michael Dutcher. "The grant will allow us to have a stockpile of PPE, as we continue to respond to the COVID-19 threat in our City. I'd like to thank those who assisted us in securing this grant."