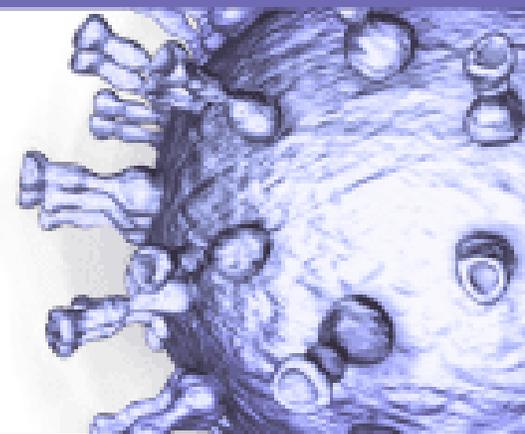
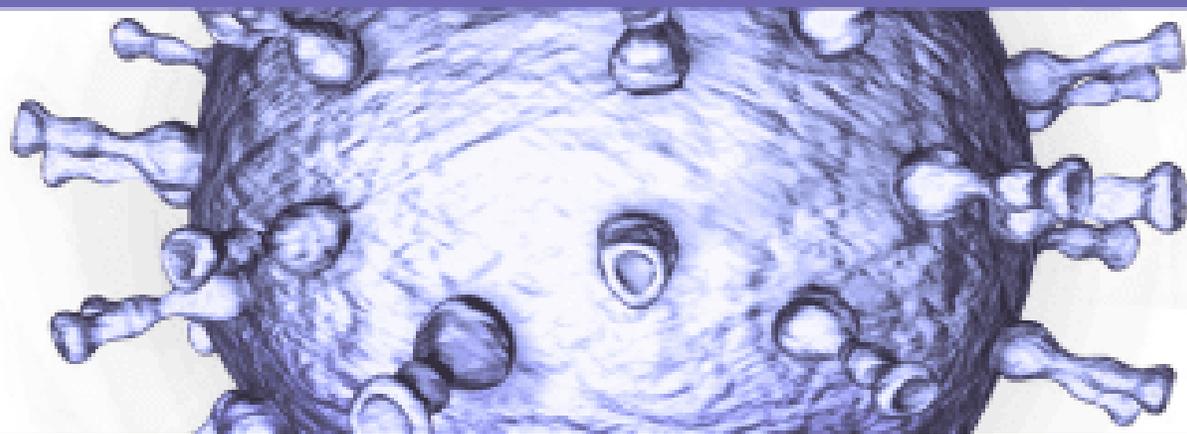
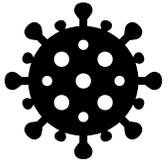


CITY OF FRAMINGHAM

COVID-19 INFORMATION





COVID-19: Recent Trends in Framingham

- **Since Friday, April 30, 17 residents have tested positive, 25 more have recovered, and the City learns of one new fatality associated with COVID-19**
- Number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19: 8,157.
- 6,392 recovered
- 244 fatalities
- 1,521 active cases
- 557 residents in quarantine

- The Framingham Public Health Department connect families with services for isolating in place, such as:

- Emergency food
- Rental & mortgage assistance
- Fuel assistance
- Temporary housing

Count and Percentage of Population for First Dose, Partially, and Fully Vaccinated for Framingham Compared to Statewide as of 4/28/2021

Vaccine Administration Benchmark

- Percentage of Framingham that has received a **First Dose** of vaccine and whether the community has met or exceeded the statewide average of **52.9%**.
- Percentage of Framingham that is **Partially Vaccinated** and whether they have met or exceeded the state average of **17.9%**.
- The percentage of Framingham that is **Fully Vaccinated** and whether they have met or exceeded the state average of **35.0%**.
- Groups that have met or exceeded the overall statewide average are shaded blue.

TOWN	First Dose ^	% of Community with First Dose
Framingham	40,264	54.1%
MA Statewide	3,681,397	52.9%

TOWN	Partially Vaccinated ^^	% of Community, Partially Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated ^^^	% of Community, Fully Vaccinated
Framingham	15,300	20.6%	24,964	33.6%
MA Statewide	1,245,310	17.9%	2,436,087	35.0%

Data Current as of 4/28/2021

^First Dose: Anyone who has received any vaccine (1st dose of Moderna/Pfizer vaccine or Johnson & Johnson vaccine)

^^Partially Vaccinated: Anyone who has received only the 1st dose of Moderna/Pfizer vaccine

^^^Fully Vaccinated: Anyone who has received the 2nd dose of Moderna/Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson Vaccine

Data Sources: COVID-19 Data provided by the Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences; Tables and Figures created by the Office of Population Health. Percentage calculations may be > 100% due to differences in data sources for population denominators and vaccination data.

Note: This does not include administered vaccines through Veterans Affairs (VA), Indian Health Services (IHS). This data includes nursing homes that have been vaccinated through Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program (FPPP), Long Term Care Facilities, and Correctional Facilities.

NB: This slide is from the State's weekly vaccination report for Framingham

Updated Face Coverings Order *(Effective April 30th):*



- Face coverings will only be required outside in public when it is not possible to socially distance, and at other times required by sector-specific guidance.
- Face coverings will still be required at all times in indoor public places.
- Face coverings will also continue to be required at all times at events, whether held indoors or outdoors and whether held in a public space or private home, except for when eating or drinking.



Current State Reopening Timeline

(Subject to public health and vaccination data; some subject to capacity limits or other restrictions)

- May 10:**
- Large venues such as stadiums, arenas and ballparks currently open permitted to increase capacity to 25%.
 - Reopen amusement/theme/outdoor water parks, road races and other large, outdoor organized athletic events
 - Singing permitted indoors with strict distancing requirements

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- May 29:**
- Gathering limits increase to 200 people indoors & 250 people outdoors for event venues, public and private settings.
 - Street festivals, parades & agricultural festivals
 - Bars, beer gardens, breweries, wineries & distilleries
 - Restaurants: eliminate the requirement that food be served with alcohol & increase table size to 10

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- Aug. 1:**
- Dance clubs & nightclubs
 - Saunas, hot-tubs, steam rooms at fitness centers, health clubs & other facilities
 - Indoor water parks
 - Ball pits
 - All industry restrictions and gathering limits lifted



Updated Memorial Building Hours

- **Memorial Building, 150 Concord Street, returned to its pre-pandemic hours on Mon., May 3:**
 - **Mon., Wed., Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**
 - **Tues. 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.**
 - **Fri. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.**
- All doors, EXCEPT the front doors at the top of the outside staircase, will be unlocked.
- The State dictates a 50% occupancy regarding staff and that no activity in office spaces can occur without meeting the following specific COVID-19 workplace safety standards
- Face coverings will be required to enter and use the facility
- Residents are asked to practice social distancing.

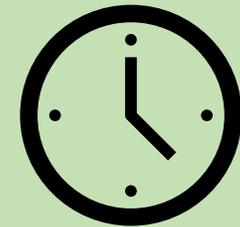
FREE COVID-19 Project Beacon Drive-Up Testing Site in Framingham: **NEW LOCATION OPENS MAY 7!**

- No insurance required
- Open to everyone; symptomatic and asymptomatic
- Test Results: Receive results in approximately 72 hours
- Location: 123 Maple Street (Framingham State Maple Street Commuter Lot)
- Scheduling an appointment: Register online at <https://app.beacontesting.com/login> to see available appointment slots.
- NO WALK UPS, by drive through and appointment only
- Effort to secure walk-up testing site ongoing



FREE COVID-19 Project Beacon Walk-Up Testing Site in Framingham: By Appointment Only

- No insurance required
 - Open to everyone; symptomatic and asymptomatic
 - Test Results: Receive results in approximately 72 hours
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- Location: Saint Tarcisius Parish - 562 Waverly Street, indoors at the Father Maschi Parish Center, behind the parish
 - **Limited parking is available at: 562 Waverly Street. Enter on Waverly Ct.**
 - **Public Transportation: Framingham Commuter Rail at 417 Waverly St and Framingham MBTA Station (Stop ID: F02)**
 - Scheduling an appointment: Register online at <https://app.beacontesting.com/login> to see available appointments
 - **By appointment only**



Vaccine Access in Massachusetts



- COVID-19 vaccinations are **free for all MA residents**
- You **do not need insurance**
- **Vaccine is free for undocumented residents**
- To learn more, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions#vaccine-safety->

Vaccine Preregistration Signup



Add your name
to the list



Get notified when
appointments are
available



Schedule your
appointment within
24 hours

- Visit <https://vaccinesignup.mass.gov/#/> (or call 2-1-1 if you don't have internet access)



What If I Don't Want to Go to a Mass Vaccination Site?

- Appointments may also be available at pharmacies, grocery stores, and health care locations
- Make an appointment by calling 2-1-1 or visiting <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>



No Computer or Internet Access?

For Appointment and Pre-registration Assistance,
Call 2-1-1

- Individuals who cannot make an appointment or pre-register online can call **2-1-1**
- Call center hours of operation:
 - Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Call takers will have access to the same set of appointments as those visiting the state website for appointments.
- Translators will be available to support residents in approximately 100 additional languages.



Vaccine Equity Initiative

How did Framingham get chosen as an “equity city”?

- Through state program targeting 20 cities and towns hardest hit by COVID-19
- Framingham will receive help distributing the vaccine to those disproportionately affected by the virus.

What does this mean?

- Framingham is eligible to order vaccine weekly to vaccinate those in Phases I and II eligible populations in communities that have been historically under resourced and may have barriers seeking or receiving vaccine, such as:
 - Black, Indigenous, People of Color, Latinx residents
 - Residents who do not speak English, or who prefer to speak in another language
 - Residents who do not have access to public transportation or who have barriers getting to a vaccination site
 - Residents with disabilities and others who have access and functional needs



Vaccine Equity Initiative Update

- Last week, clinics were held at the BRACE, Greater Framingham Community Church, MetroWest Worker Center, New Life Church, Pelham Learning Center, and South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc.
- Since Wednesday, March 24, 3,274 dose one, 543 dose two Moderna, and 291 Johnson and Johnson vaccinations have been administered under the Equity Initiative.
- The COVID Vaccine Team will continue to offer several clinics each week for the equity initiative at a variety of locations.
- The Framingham Health Department and Medical Reserve Corps have conducted 150 home visits for functionally disabled and homebound residents to administer vaccines.
- **To request a home visit, please call the City's Public Health Nursing Office at 508-532-5667. Leave your name, phone number, and address, and someone will return your call within 36 hours.**

The American Rescue Plan & Framingham: Overview



The American Rescue Plan: Overview

- \$1.9 trillion federal aid package, including:
 - \$1,400 payments to individuals making less than \$75k/year
 - \$220 billion for states, tribal governments and territories
 - \$130 billion going directly to municipal and county governments
 - Additional funds for emergency rental assistance, testing, vaccines, SNAP benefits, child care, small businesses, education, transportation, and more



The American Rescue Plan: Local Funding

→ Framingham will be receiving:

- Local aid: \$13.5 million
- Estimated county allocation: \$14.4 million
- Funds can be used to:
 - replace revenue lost or reduced as a result of the pandemic
 - Restoration of municipal services
 - fund COVID-related costs
 - provide support to aid households and businesses impacted by the crisis
 - invest in economic recovery and renewal
 - fund investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure



The American Rescue Plan: Local Funding

- Framingham School District will receive \$14.4 million via state distribution (ESSER III) separate from and in addition to the City direct allocation
- The funds cannot be used for:
 - tax reduction or cuts
 - pension fund payments/deposits



The American Rescue Plan: Local Funding

- City direct funds will arrive in two payments:
 - We expect \$13.9 million to be available in May 2021
 - We would not receive the remaining \$13.9 million before May of 2022.
 - Funds will be available for use through the end of 2024 (FY25).
- ***The Treasury Department will provide specific guidance on allowable uses of the funds and will determine final allocations based on the most recent census data and the final language in the law.***

The American Rescue Plan—
The City Wants to Know What You Think:
What Are the Best Ways to Invest in Our City?



The American Rescue Plan — Framingham Survey

- Available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese:

- English: <https://www.framinghamma.gov/FormCenter/Office-of-the-Mayor-12/American-Rescue-Plan-88>
- Spanish: <https://www.framinghamma.gov/FormCenter/Office-of-the-Mayor-12/American-Rescue-Plan-Spanish-90>
- Portuguese: <https://www.framinghamma.gov/FormCenter/Office-of-the-Mayor-12/American-Rescue-Plan-Portuguese-89>

- Asks about the issues you care most about and the solutions you favor to address them



The American Rescue Plan — Survey Responses

- 166 responses as of Mon., May 3rd at 3pm

Top 5 first-choice issues:

- 1. Struggling businesses
- 2. & 3. (tied) Individual financial hardship for residents; Housing affordability
- 4. & 5. (tied) COVID-19 & Climate Change

Top 5 first-choice issue solutions:

- 1. Financial assistance to residents
- 2. Social services
- 3. Neighborhood services
- 4. Financial assistance to businesses
- 5. Innovation & strategic planning

The American Rescue Plan — Leadership Outreach



- All City Councilors
- Division Heads
- Boards & Commissions



The American Rescue Plan: What Are the Best Ways to Invest in Our City?