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## \*COVID-19 UPDATE\*

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Health Department Distributes Demographic COVID-19 and Vaccination Data; City Changing Standard Quarantine Protocol to State's Least Restrictive Model Based on Trend of Low COVID-19 Cases;

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- Since Monday, nine residents have tested positive, ten more have recovered, and the City learns of one new fatality associated with COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 8,249. With 6,504 recovered and 245 fatalities, Framingham currently has 1,500 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 524 residents in quarantine.
- Health Department Distributes Demographic COVID-19 and Vaccination Data: The City's
  Department of Public Health distributes demographic COVID-19 data about confirmed COVID-19
  cases and vaccination efforts in Framingham. Reference today's data release <a href="here">here</a>.
- City changing standard quarantine protocol to State's least restrictive model based on trend of low new COVID-19 cases: Given the ongoing trend of low new COVID-19 cases, as of today, the City will change its standard quarantine protocol to the State's least restrictive model. This will also apply to children ages 0-18. The new protocol includes seven days of strict quarantine with release on day eight if:
  - o A negative test (either PCR or Abbott BinaxNOW antigen) taken on day five or later; AND
  - o The individual has not experienced any symptoms up to that point; AND
  - The individual conducts active monitoring (monitoring for symptoms and a daily temperature check) through Day 14
- Framingham Public Schools to partner with V-Care and Metrowest Pharmacy for a vaccine clinic Saturday, May 22, 8 a.m. 3 p.m. at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School (169 Leland Street, Framingham, MA): Both pharmacies are providing Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson vaccines. The Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine is approved for students 12 years of age and older, their families, and staff. Moderna and Johnson and Johnson are available for anyone 18 years and older. From 8 9 a.m., children and families with autism and other sensory disorders can access the vaccines safely and comfortably. This clinic will allow students and their parents/guardians access the first of the two required vaccines.

Students must be accompanied by their guardian/parent. If anyone has already received the first dose elsewhere and is due for the second dose, they are also welcome to make an appointment. The follow-up clinic for the second vaccine will be held on Saturday, June 12.

The COVID-19 vaccine is free. You can get a vaccine even if you do not have insurance, a driver's license, or a Social Security number.

**Consent Forms** are linked below and will be available on-site.

- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Consent Form for Individuals 12-17 Years of Age
- o <u>Formulario de autorización de la vacuna contra COVID-19 de Pfizer-BioNtech para</u> personas entre 12 a 17 años
- Formulário de consentimento para aplicação da vacina Pfizer-BioNTech contra COVID-19 em indivíduos de 12 a 17 anos

**Pre-Register for Saturday's Vaccine Clinic Now:** <a href="https://hipaa.jotform.com/211357257390153">https://hipaa.jotform.com/211357257390153</a>
Appointments and pre-registration are not necessary. If you need support in Spanish or Portuguese, please contact the Call Center to help with form completion. You can reach them at (508) 782-6633 until 6 p.m. today and between 5 a.m. – 6 p.m. Thursday, May 20.

COVID-19 in Framingham: Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found <a href="https://www.smart911.com/">here</a>. To receive information from the City on a mobile device, text "Join FraminghamMA" to 30890. Residents also can find updates on <a href="facebook">Facebook</a> and Twitter - @Framingham\_MA. For questions regarding COVID-19 in Framingham, please call the City's informational line at (508) 532-5411, Mon-Fri., 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. 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: <a href="https://www.smart911.com/">https://www.smart911.com/</a>

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