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COVID-19 UPDATE

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Defense Against COVID-19, Info on Booster and Incentive to Become Vaccinated;

Health Department Distributes Demographic COVID-19 and Vaccination Data;

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Public Health Nursing Clinic Hours Change;

Rapid BinaxNOW COVID-19 Tests by Appointment Only Being Offered for Framingham residents at the City's Public Health Nursing Clinic

- **Since Wednesday, August 25, 63 residents have tested positive, and 51 more have recovered from COVID-19:** The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 8,707. With 8,295 recovered and 251 fatalities, Framingham currently has 161 active cases. The Framingham Health Department contacts individuals who test positive and the people who were potentially exposed to inform and counsel them on the next steps. In addition to the active cases, the Health Department is following 91 residents in quarantine.
- **Defense Against COVID-19:** The number of COVID-19 cases has continued to rise since July. The best defense against the virus continues to be vaccination. In collaboration with school officials, the Health Department has scheduled dose #1 and dose #2 COVID vaccinations at Cameron, Walsh, and Fuller Middle Schools, Keefe Technical, and Framingham High Schools for eligible students. The three vaccines - Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer - are effective against the "Delta" variant **FOR THOSE WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED** (14 days after the second dose of Moderna or Pfizer, 14 days after a single dose of Johnson and Johnson).

The CDC recently released new recommendations for a third dose (or "booster") COVID-19 vaccination for individuals with compromised immune systems. Residents should contact their health care provider to learn more.

Other mitigation strategies include social distancing and masking when in places with a likelihood of disease transmission.

Starting this week, the City's Public Health Nursing Clinic at 113 Concord Street will **distribute \$25 grocery gift** cards as part of a Massachusetts Department of Public Health initiative to encourage vaccination in those who have delayed vaccinations for COVID-19. The State has strict guidelines on the management, control, and distribution of these gift cards, all of which will be followed by the clinic.

- **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 [here](#).
- **Food Resource Guide:** View the Food Resource Guide in English, Portuguese, and Spanish [here](#).
- **Update on the Vaccine [Equity Initiative](#) in Framingham:** Since Wednesday, March 24, 5,919 vaccines (Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson and Johnson) have been administered under the Equity Initiative. Framingham continues to exceed many of the state benchmarks on COVID-19 vaccinations. 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.

See the State's Vaccine Equity Initiative dashboard [here](#)

- **Public Health Nursing Clinic Hours Change:** COVID-19 and childhood vaccinations, lead screening, tuberculosis testing, and more are available. No appointment is needed for the services mentioned above. Face coverings/masks are required to be worn at all times in the clinic. New vaccination hours at the clinic are as follows:
 - **Monday-Friday:** 8:30-10 a.m.
 - **Monday-Wednesday:** 4-7 p.m.

Questions about nursing services can be directed to Kitty Mahoney, kcm@framinghamma.gov, or (508) 532-5472.

- **Rapid BinaxNOW COVID-19 Tests by Appointment Only Being Offered for Framingham residents at the City's Public Health Nursing Clinic:** Testing is for Framingham residents **by appointment only**. If you have health insurance, please bring your health insurance card with you. Face coverings/masks are required to be worn at all times in the clinic. Appointment hours for COVID-19 testing at the clinic are as follows:
 - **Monday-Wednesday:** 2-3:30 p.m.

To schedule a COVID-19 testing appointment, please call (508) 532-5667.

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