



# CITY OF FRAMINGHAM

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## \*COVID-19 UPDATE\*

**Since Wed., Dec. 15, 430 Residents have Tested Positive, 165 More have Recovered and City Learns of Three New Fatalities Related to COVID-19;**

*City to Host Two Public Distribution Days for Rapid COVID-19 Test Kits - Thursday, December 30, and Saturday, January 8, 2022, Registration Link Available on Website Tomorrow at 1 p.m.;*

*Massachusetts Department of Public Health Issues a Mask/face Covering Advisory*

*Regardless of Vaccination Status;*

*Trilingual Food Resource Guide;*

*Health Department Distributes Demographic COVID-19 and Vaccination Data;*

*Update on the Vaccine Equity Initiative in Framingham;*

*Reminder: The Memorial Building, Public Health Nursing Clinic, and other Non-Essential Municipal Buildings will be Closed Friday, December 24, in Observance of Christmas Day;*

*State's Project Beacon Walk-through COVID-19 Testing Site at Saint Tarcisius Parish to Adjust Hours For the Week of Christmas and New Year's;*

*The City's Public Health Nursing Clinic will be Closed to the Public, Monday-Friday, Dec. 27-31, 2021*

- **Since Wednesday, December 15, 430 Residents have Tested Positive, 165 More have Recovered and City Learns of Three New Fatalities Related to COVID-19:** The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 10,557. With 9,572 recovered and 258 fatalities, Framingham currently has 660 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.
- **City to Host Two Public Distribution Days for Rapid COVID-19 Test Kits - Thursday, December 30, and Saturday, January 8, 2022. Registration Link Available on the front page of the [City's website](#) and [COVID-19 Page](#) Thursday, December 23, (tomorrow) at 1 p.m.:** To accommodate residents, the City will host two public distribution days, one during the week and one on the weekend. Please remember the following when signing up for your test kit when the registration link is posted at 1 p.m., Thursday, December 23. The Main Library, 49 Lexington Street, will have several designated computers available for registration if needed.
  - Priority for the public distribution will be given to **Framingham residents ONLY who attest to financial hardship**. Once tests have been assigned, the online application form will be closed.
  - An email will be sent, including details for picking up test kit distribution (location).
  - **SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM DOES NOT GUARANTEE A TEST KIT!**
  - On the day of pick-up, bring and show a copy of the email verification (electronic or print) and proof of residency (driver's license, another form of identification, or piece of mail). Names and addresses will be verified on the day of the pick-up.
  - Only **ONE** form submission per household. Duplicate form submissions with the same IP address **WILL BE DELETED**.
  - There are two tests in each test kit. A maximum of two kits (four tests total) will be provided per household.

- Residents will be able to choose from one of two collection days.
  - Face coverings are **REQUIRED** when collecting test kits.
  - If inclement weather occurs, the distribution will be rescheduled.
  - Please do not call city departments to request a test kit. **At this time, the City is NOT keeping a phone-based list for public distribution.**
  - The City recognizes that the demand for test kits far exceeds the number the State has provided. The City will make additional announcements regarding future distributions.
- **Effective December 21, 2021, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MassDPH) Issues a Mask/face Covering Advisory Regardless of Vaccination Status:** In response to the spread of the Delta variant and the emerging Omicron variant, the MassDPH now advises that all residents, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask or face covering when indoors (and not in your own home). The MassDPH urges wearing a face covering if you have a weakened immune system, are at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated. Download the Advisory [here](#).
  - **Food Resource Guide:** View the guide in English, Portuguese, and Spanish [here](#).
  - **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](#).
  - **Update on the Vaccine [Equity Initiative](#) in Framingham:** Since Wednesday, March 24, 8,037 vaccines – first, second, and booster doses - (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](#).
  - **Reminder: The Memorial Building, Public Health Nursing Clinic, and other Non-Essential Municipal Buildings will be Closed Friday, December 24, in Observance of Christmas Day.**
  - **State's Project Beacon Walk-through COVID-19 Testing Site at Saint Tarcisius Parish to Adjust Hours for the Week of Christmas and New Year's:**
    - Thursday, December 23: 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
    - Friday, December 24: **CLOSED**
    - Saturday, December 25: **CLOSED**
    - Thursday, December 30: 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
    - Friday, December 31: **CLOSED**
    - Saturday, January 1: **CLOSED**

Additional local COVID-19 testing resources can be referenced [here](#).

- **The City's Public Health Nursing Clinic, 113 Concord Street, will be Closed to the Public, Monday-Friday, December 27-31, 2021.**