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## **CHELMSFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENT TO TOWN NURSING HOME**

Police Chief James M. Spinney reports to the community that members of the Massachusetts National Guard will deploy to a Chelmsford nursing home today to conduct widespread testing. This comes after significant discussion between Chelmsford leaders, administration at the facility and the Department of Public Health, and at the request of staff at the facility.

Resources from the National Guard will arrive at the Palm center, located at 40 Parkhurst Road, later today after numerous residents tested positive for COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus, according to the Chelmsford Health Department.

The deployment is being conducted out of an abundance of caution and does not suggest a wider danger in Chelmsford as a whole, health officials stress.

COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization and has led Governor Charlie Baker to declare a State of Emergency in Massachusetts and led to a formal request, which was granted by the federal government, for a Major Disaster Declaration in the Commonwealth.

For more information about COVID-19, visit the Town's [website](#), or contact the Chelmsford Health Department at [978-250-5241](tel:978-250-5241).