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Advisory #3

Monday, March 16, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

To ensure the safety of residents and Town employees, the Kingston Town House will be fully staffed but closed to the public until further notice. There is a drop-off box with a mail slot located to the right of the entry door at the Town House. This is typically used for payments and will now be utilized for any materials that you wish to deliver. Please label your documents with the intended department and we will make sure the appropriate person receives the information. If you have any questions, please call or email the appropriate department, board or committee. Contact information can be found on the Town's website, www.kingstonmass.org. Staff will be available via phone and email.

As of 5:00 PM this evening, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has not updated the number of confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. Yesterday's data is still the most current, with 1 confirmed and presumptive case. This figure is represented on the Town's website. I encourage you all to monitor the town's website, www.kingstonmass.org, for continued updates from Kingston's Emergency Management Team, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, all linked below and on the Town's website.

CDC.GOV – CORONAVIRUS UPDATES
MASS.GOV – CORONAVIRUS UPDATES
[KINGSTON BOARD OF HEALTH](http://KINGSTONBOARDOFHEALTH)

Earlier today I convened a meeting with members of Kingston's Emergency Management Team to discuss the Town's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We continued our ongoing discussion regarding how to best support Kingston's senior population during the current state of emergency. Additional health and safety precautions have been put in place regarding Kingston's transportation services provided to seniors. Drivers will now limit transportation to two passengers at a time to allow for social distancing, and will be disinfecting surfaces, seats, handrails, etc., between all trips. Paula Rossi-Clapp, Kingston's Director of Elder Affairs, has expanded the list of Kingston seniors who are most vulnerable and is issuing a mailing to all those who may be in need of additional services and support. If you or someone you know requires additional support in the coming weeks, please do not hesitate to call the appropriate contact person below:

Elderly Services & Residents with Disabilities: Paula Rossi-Clapp, Director of Elder Affairs / 781-585-0511
EMS: Mark Douglass, Fire Chief and Adam Hatch, Deputy Fire Chief / 781-585-0532
General Information: Thomas Calter / 508-717-1483
Board of Health: Arthur Boyle / 781-585-0503

For All Medical Emergencies Call 9-1-1

We will be checking voicemails regularly and will work diligently to direct residents to the appropriate resources as quickly as possible. The daily operations within the Town of Kingston are still up and running.

Jason Fraser, Chairman of the Silver Lake Regional School District, joined Kingston's Emergency Management Team this morning to discuss the Town's ability to help provide "grab and go" meals to Kingston students eligible to receive free or reduced lunches. This afternoon I joined Jason Fraser, Superintendent Jill Proulx, School Committee members, and public safety officers from surrounding communities to further discuss and develop a plan that will employ the American Red Cross's best practices for disaster distribution, while also incorporating a social distancing component. All eligible families have received information on the SLRSD's proposed "grab and go" program.

Effective immediately, Kingston's fire stations are closed to public access unless you have a medical or other emergency. If you have any business to conduct, please call 781-585-0532 and the Department will make arrangements to exchange any necessary documents. As always, in the event of a medical emergency, call 9-1-1.

Gray's Beach Park, the outside areas at the Reed Property, and the Opachinski Athletic Complex will be closed to the public until further notice. This decision was made by the Kingston Emergency Management Team in collaboration with Kingston's Director of Recreation.

Residents who may be hospitalized for prolonged periods of time and have no other means to care for their pets (family, friends, neighbors, etc.) should contact Kingston's Animal Control Officer, Jo Boudreau, at 781-585-0529 ext. 6231, to discuss accommodations. Space is limited at Kingston's Animal Shelter, but we will do everything we can to accommodate.

On March 10, 2020 Governor Charlie Baker declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth which gave his Administration greater flexibility to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yesterday evening Governor Baker announced additional emergency orders that provide greater guidance during the ongoing state of emergency. His announcement included the following:

- All schools in Massachusetts will be closed for three weeks (Tuesday, April 7, 2020).
- Restaurants, bars, and establishments that offer food or drink are prohibited from serving food on-premises, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, through Friday, April 17, 2020.
- Public gatherings are limited to 25 individuals or less. This includes all community, civic, public, leisure, faith based, sporting events with spectators, concerts, and conventions.
- Long-term care facilities and nursing homes are prohibited from allowing visitors.
- Hospitals must cancel non-essential elective procedures.

For more information, regarding Governor Baker's State of Emergency to support the Commonwealth's response to COVID-19, please visit the [MASS.GOV](https://www.mass.gov) website linked above and on the Town of Kingston's website.

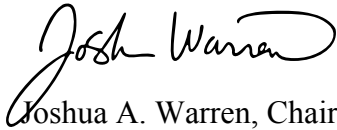
Kingston's Emergency Management Team, which consists of Thomas Calter (Town Administrator), Elaine Fiore (Vice-Chair of the Board of Selectmen), Mark Douglass (Fire Chief), Adam Hatch (Deputy Fire Chief), Maurice Splaine (Chief of Police), Paula Rossi-Clapp (Director of Elder Affairs), Arthur Boyle (Health Agent), Gloria Mitchell (Assistant to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen), and myself, will continue to meet twice daily to respond to the evolving health risks and challenges posed by COVID-19. There will be a daily conference call to brief all five members of the Board of Selectmen on the Emergency

Management Team's ongoing response to COVID-19. Pursuant to Governor Baker's recent "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A s20," these meetings will be posted, however they will not be open to the public.

Efforts to respond to and contain COVID-19 are rapidly changing, but our priority is to serve and support Kingston residents, employees, and businesses through the continuity of basic services and operations. We acknowledge that COVID-19 will significantly impact the lives of all those in our community, but we ask that you take a thoughtful and measured approach to keeping yourselves, your families, and your neighbors safe by following the news and recommendations made by the Center for Disease Control and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, both on the Kingston Board of Health website.

We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Warren". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Josh" and the last name "Warren" clearly legible.

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman
Board of Selectmen