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To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that there were 187 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase from 138 confirmed cases yesterday. **The Town of Kingston was informed today of four additional positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the total number of confirmed positive cases in Kingston to seven.** Our Health Agent and Public Safety Officers will continue to monitor these cases. Due to privacy requirements, the demographics of these cases will remain anonymous.

We ask that you continue to visit www.kingstonmass.org for daily updates from Kingston's Emergency Management Team. We have provided links to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on the Town's website.

With confirmed cases of COVID-19 on the rise, Kingston's Emergency Management Team and Board of Health would like to again remind you that this is a crucial time for infection control. Maintaining social distancing, limiting exposure to others, avoiding crowded places, and vigilant hand washing are vital steps in slowing the spread of this disease.

Kingston's Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Arthur Boyle, Kingston's Health Agent reported to the group that there were four additional confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the Town of Kingston, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to seven. The group discussed the need for additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Kingston's first responders, specifically N95 masks. If any Kingston residents have unused N95 masks that they are willing to donate, please contact Mark Douglass or Adam Hatch at 781-585-0532.

In a continued effort to communicate with residents through different platforms Kingston conducted its third COVID-19 Update on PACTV this morning. Today's update is available on PACTV's website, www.pactv.org and has been linked on the Town's website. The program will air on Kingston's government channels (Comcast 15 and Verizon 42). Additional LIVE updates will air this coming Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 AM on Kingston's government channel and PACTV's website.

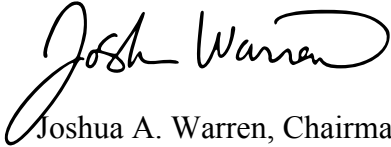
Although the Kingston Public Library's (KPL) physical building is closed to the public, there are numerous online resources available to KPL cardholders through the library's website. Mike Slawson, Library Tech at the KPL, participated in today's COVID-19 Update on PACTV to promote these resources to residents. Residents who are not KPL card holders, can apply for a library card online to start utilizing these services from home. Please visit www.kingstonpubliclibrary.org to take advantage of TV and movie streaming

services, audiobooks, digital book downloads, newspaper and magazine subscriptions, all FREE and available to residents.

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.

We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Warren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman
Board of Selectmen