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Saturday, March 28, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that there were 272 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase from 187 confirmed cases yesterday. **The Town of Kingston remains at seven confirmed positive cases of COVID-19.** 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.

With confirmed cases of COVID-19 on the rise, Kingston's Emergency Management Team and Board of Health would like to 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. Please 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.

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, notified the group that earlier today he contacted the organizer of a "Social Distancing Parade" requesting that they cancel the event.

The decision stemmed from numerous calls received by residents who were concerned that the event created unnecessary risks for participants and residents living along the proposed route, as well as guidance provided by Governor Baker. In COVID-19 Order No. 13 Baker expanded on previously ordered limitations on gatherings. The order states, "Gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited throughout the Commonwealth. Gatherings subject to this order include, without limitation, community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events, concerts, conferences, conventions, fundraisers, parades, fairs, festivals, weddings, funerals, and any similar event or activity that brings together more than 10 persons in any confined indoor or outdoor space."

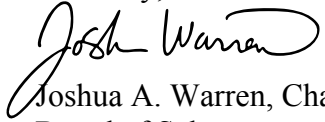
Kingston's first responders are still in need of additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). If any Kingston residents or businesses have unused N95 masks that they are willing to donate, please contact Mark Douglass or Adam Hatch at 781-585-0532.

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 style with a large, looping initial "J".

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman
Board of Selectmen