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Advisory #29

Saturday, April 11, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that there were 1,809 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 132 confirmed cases, from yesterday's count of 1,677. **The Town of Kingston remains at ten confirmed positive cases of COVID-19.** Kingston's Health Agent and Public Safety Officers will continue to monitor these local cases. Due to privacy requirements, the demographics of these cases will remain anonymous.

Please continue to visit www.kingstonmass.org for daily updates from Kingston's Emergency Management Team, as well as links to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) websites.

Kingston's Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fire Chief Mark Douglass reported to the group that personal protective gear from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is scheduled for delivery tomorrow. Chief Douglass will continue to send his weekly requests for replenishments of PPE to MEMA, for both the Fire and Police Departments.

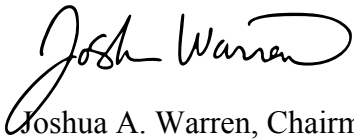
With the holiday weekend upon us, and sunshine in the forecast, all members of the Team again want to reiterate the need for residents to continue to adhere to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's stay-at-home advisory and social distancing guidelines. We recognize that these advisories are awkward at times, inconvenient at other times, and during holiday weekends like this when we want to be around extended family and friends downright burdensome, but the decisions we make each and every day collectively impact the health of our entire community. Maintaining social distancing, vigilant hand washing, and honoring Governor Baker's stay-at-home advisory helps prevent the spread of the virus, helps preserve hospital capacity for those who are very ill, and preserves the supply of personal protective equipment that is critically needed by our first responders and frontline medical workers. So, please remember as you enter the weekend, by staying apart we are actually coming together to save lives and prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

Yesterday Kingston aired another Live COVID-19 Update on PACTV. The program featured Deputy Fire Chief Adam Hatch, State Rep. Kathy LaNatra, and Kingston's Director of Recreation Sue Woodworth. The program will be replayed on Kingston's government channels (Comcast 15 and Verizon 42). The video can also be viewed online at: <https://youtu.be/egl3ciHMKMg> and has been linked to the Town's website. Kingston's COVID-19 Updates will continue to air Live on PACTV every Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 AM.

Parents and residents looking for a fun weekend activity are encouraged to create cards, notes and drawings of inspiration and hope for Kingston's seniors. The Council on Aging is accepting these items from members of the community. They ask that you bundle your letters, cards, and pictures, and leave them unsealed in the designated box outside the front door to the COA. Please include your name, or the name of your group and associated contact information. If you would prefer to donate blank note cards for COA staff to use to send special messages to seniors, those too are welcomed. All donated pieces will be reviewed and disinfected by COA staff before being sent to seniors.

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.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy weekend,

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

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman
Board of Selectmen