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Tuesday, April 14, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that there were 2,207 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 66 confirmed cases from yesterday's count of 2,141. **The Town of Kingston remains at 18 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.

Kingston's Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yesterday it was reported that of the Town's total number of confirmed positive cases, 13 were from one facility. After reviewing the list of confirmed positive cases with the facility, the Board of Health concluded that in fact 14 are from one facility. Kingston's Board of Health and Emergency Management Team are in communication with management at the facility to assist them with their efforts to contain the situation and provide them with the resources they may need. As stated in yesterday's update, Kingston's Emergency Management Team is in constant contact with the Baker-Polito Administration who have made available to the facility the full resources of the State to assist in mitigation efforts.

Director of Elder Affairs Paula Rossi-Clapp reported to the group that earlier today 2,600 letters were mailed to Kingston's seniors. This is the latest in their ongoing effort to communicate with residents 60 years of age and older. Additionally, 44 brown bag lunches were assembled and delivered to seniors across town. The COA is still accepting cards, drawings, and notes of inspiration to be delivered to seniors over the coming weeks. 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.

At 10:30 AM the Town of Kingston aired a Live COVID-19 Update on PACTV. This program will be replayed on Kingston's government channels (Comcast 15 and Verizon 42). We will post a link to today's Update on the Town's website when it becomes available.

We have added a link to PACTV's COVID-19 Economic Forum on the Town's website. It is linked in the "Archived COVID-19 Videos" section. The program features State Representatives Kathy LaNatra and Josh Cutler, State Senator Patrick O'Connor, Duxbury Business Association's Anne Antonellis, and Duxbury Selectman Ted Flynn. Although the program was originally broadcast with our Duxbury neighbors in mind, much of the information is relevant to small businesses, self-employed and gig economy workers, those who

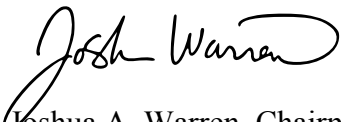
are unemployed, and any individuals in Kingston who may be seeking financial assistance during the ongoing public health crisis.

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, as well as links to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) websites.

Remember, by staying apart we are actually coming together to save lives and prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

Be well,

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

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman
Board of Selectmen