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Saturday, April 18, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that there were 2,688 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 111 confirmed cases from yesterday's count of 2,577. **Earlier today, the VNA informed Kingston's Health Agent of 1 additional confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in the Town of Kingston, bringing the Town's total number of confirmed positive cases to 30.**

I am saddened to report that a resident of Kingston who had previously tested positive for COVID-19 passed away last night. The official cause of death is unknown at this time and will likely not be determined until next week. I will provide an update when we receive any additional information. Our 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.

With confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Kingston, Plymouth County and the Commonwealth still on the rise, Kingston's Board of Health and Emergency Management Team would like to remind you that this is a crucial time for infection control. We are now more than one month in to a public health crisis with an indeterminate end. COVID-19 will dictate the timeline as to when we will be able to reopen schools, return to work, and regain some sense of normalcy, but our collective actions directly impact the toll this virus takes on our community. Maintaining social distancing, limiting exposure to others, avoiding crowded places, and vigilant hand washing are vital steps in slowing the spread of this disease.

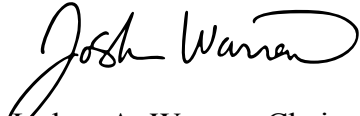
Kingston's Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Chief Douglass shared that Ocean State Job Lot has donated surgical masks to Kingston's first responders. The Town of Kingston is grateful for their donation, and acknowledges that a donation of this nature will go a long way in protecting our first responders from possible exposures to the virus.

Yesterday's PACTV COVID-19 Update featuring Sergeant Detective Michael Skowyra, Director of Elder Affairs Paula Rossi-Clapp, and Eric Greer of the Restoration Community Church has been posted online. The video is linked on the Town's website and can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gG-8MXeWyA>. The program will be replayed on Kingston's government channels (Comcast 14 and Verizon 42) and we will provide a link to today's update on the Town's website as soon as it becomes available.

Kingston Board of Selectmen and Emergency Management Team will continue to meet throughout the holiday weekend and, thanks to the ongoing efforts of Diane Poirier and Janna Morrissey in the Town Clerk's Office, we will continue to communicate with residents through these daily advisories which will be posted on the Town's website.

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.

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, looping initial "J".

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman
Board of Selectmen