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To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced that there were 3,253 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 210 from yesterday's total of 3,043. **Earlier today the Town of Kingston was informed of 4 additional confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the Town's total number of confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 to 45.** Of the Town's total number of confirmed positive cases, 28 are from one facility. 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.

Kingston's Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the meeting Director of Elder Affairs Paula Rossi-Clapp reported that GATRA would be equipping vans with safety shields to provide further protection for Kingston's Council on Aging drivers and passengers.

Fire Chief Douglass shared a host of resources from the American Red Cross, which have been linked on the Town of Kingston's website. These resources include: Steps to Help Prevent Against COVID-19, Working Together to Slow the Spread of COVID-19, Coping with Sheltering at Home During COVID-19, and What to Do If You Are Sick. These resources can be found by clicking the link titled "American Red Cross COVID-19 Resources."

The American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They will be hosting a blood drive at the Hilltop Athletic Association (65 Pottle St.) on Friday, May 8th, from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Residents who are interested in donating blood are advised to visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> to sign up for a time to donate.

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.

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.

We are all in this together.

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman
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