

## TOWN OF KINGSTON

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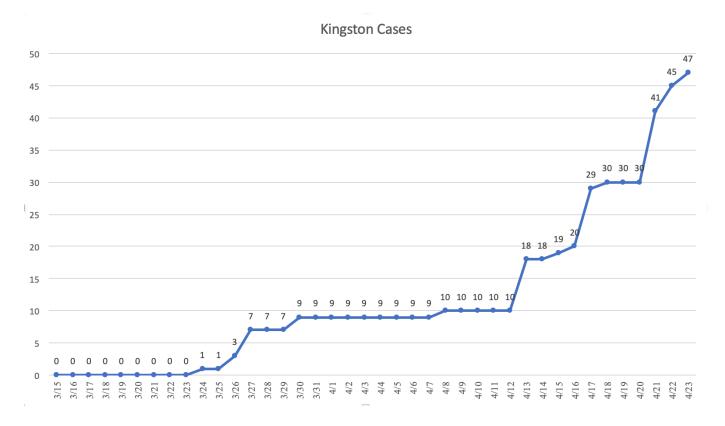
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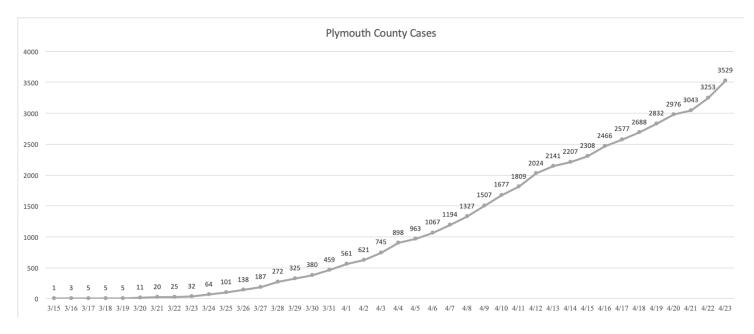
Thursday, April 23, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced that there were 3,529 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County, an increase of 276 from yesterday's total of 3,253. This is the single largest day-to-day increase in confirmed positive cases reported in Plymouth County. Earlier today the Town of Kingston was informed of 2 additional confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the Town's total number of confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 to 47. 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.

These graphs are a visual companion to the numbers that we have been reporting each day.





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 due to concerns for the health and safety of riders and drivers, the Council on Aging will be temporarily suspending passenger trips. Drivers will continue to deliver Meals-on-Wheels and the suspension of passenger trips will not interrupt any other services currently offered by the COA. Council on Aging staff will work to accommodate those who have relied on the COA for transportation to grocery stores, pharmacies, etc., in the form of trips made on the individual's behalf.

Fire Chief Douglass reported to the group that earlier today the Kingston Fire Department picked up additional personal protective equipment (PPE) from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

The American Red Cross has scheduled an additional blood drive at the Hilltop Athletic Association, located at 65 Pottle St. The first is scheduled for Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM, and the second will be held on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Residents who are interested in donating blood are advised to visit <a href="https://www.redcrossblood.org/">https://www.redcrossblood.org/</a> 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. 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 <a href="www.kingstonmass.org">www.kingstonmass.org</a> 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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