

## TOWN OF KINGSTON

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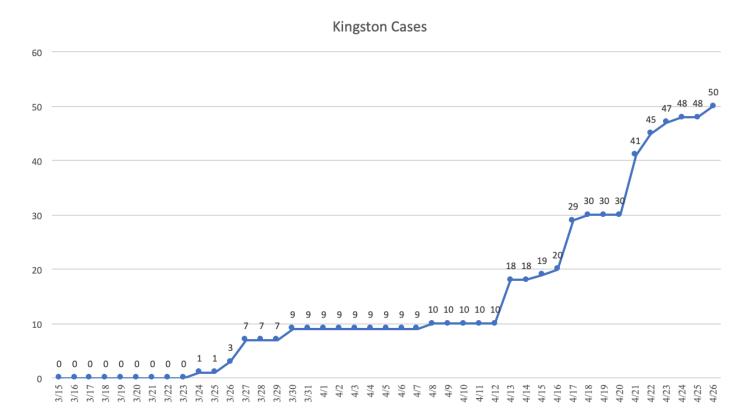
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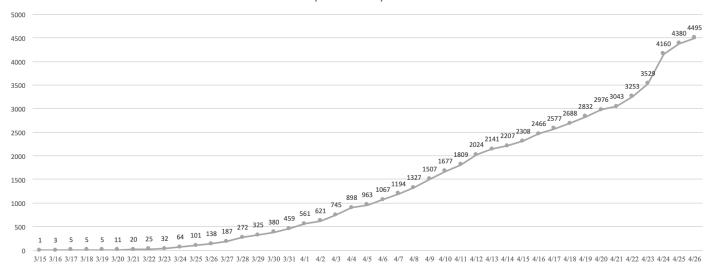
To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that there were 4,495 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 115 from yesterday's count of 4,380. Earlier today the Town of Kingston was informed of 2 additional confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the Town's total count to 50. Of the Town's total number of confirmed positive cases, 29 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.







**Effective Friday, April 24, 2020 the Kingston Board of Health is requiring all persons entering essential businesses to wear a face mask or similar covering to lessen the chance of spreading COVID-19.** Please see the attached announcement from the Kingston Board of Health regarding yesterday's vote. The Kingston Police Department and Fire Department ask that residents **do not call 9-1-1** regarding face covering related matters. Anyone with concerns are advised to call the Kingston Board of Health at (781) 585-0503. For more information on how to wear and make masks, please visit <a href="www.kingstonmass.org">www.kingstonmass.org</a>. Also, please see the attached announcement from the Kingston Board of Health.

The Commonwealth's stay-at-home advisory and shutdown of all non-essential businesses is currently in effect until May 4<sup>th</sup>, however Governor Baker has made it clear that the decision to relax restrictions and reopen our state will be driven by data and not by a date circled on the calendar. Over the last week, the number of confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County has increased by 1,663. During that same time period, Kingston's number of confirmed positive cases has grown by 20. What started out as a trickle has turned into a flood. I urge you not to lose hope and please be patient. Continue to maintain social distancing. Continue to limit your exposure to others. Continue to avoid crowded places. Continue to vigilantly wash your hands, and with the Board of Health's recent vote, wear a face covering when entering essential businesses. These are all vital steps in slowing the spread of this disease.

Thank you for helping keep Kingston safe and healthy during this public health crisis, and as always, 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.

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Joshua A. Warren, Chairman

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