

TOWN OF KINGSTON

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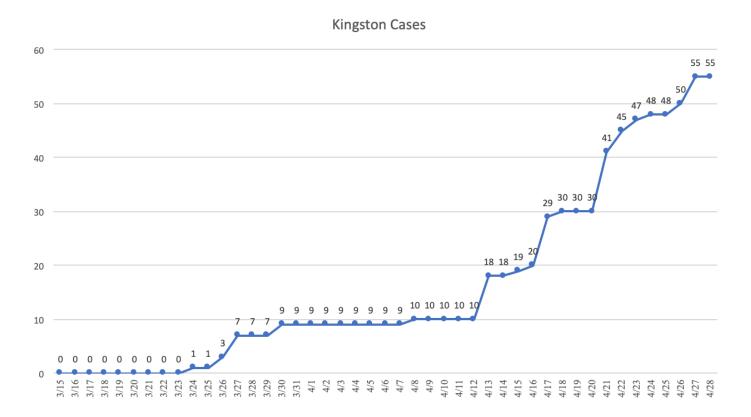
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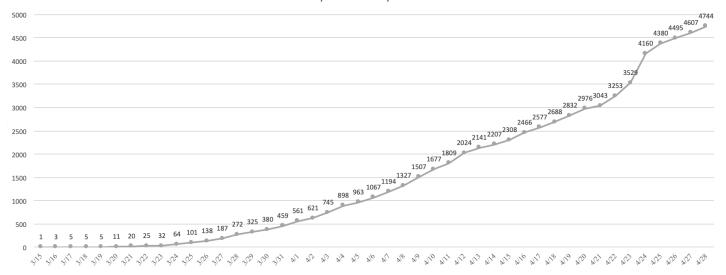
Tuesday, April 28, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that there were 4,744 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 137 from yesterday's count of 4,607. **Kingston's number of confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 remains at 55.** 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.





Kingston's Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Health Agent Arthur Boyle reported that by and large, Kingston's essential businesses remain receptive to the Board of Health's recent requirement that all persons entering essential businesses wear a facemask or similar covering to lessen the change of spreading COVID-19. 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 www.kingstonmass.org. Please see the attached announcement from the Kingston Board of Health regarding the required use of face coverings in essential businesses.

As reported in yesterday's "Advisory #45," since the Council on Aging closed its doors to the public in early March, their staff have delivered 1,750 meals to Kingston seniors. Today COA volunteer and Kingston K9 Officer, Mike LaNatra, prepared an additional 50 brownbag lunches that were delivered to seniors across town. Officer LaNatra has supported the COA's efforts to prepare and deliver special meals. These special meals supplement the Town's delivery of Meals-on-Wheels and serve as an additional opportunity to reach out to residents.

Earlier today PACTV aired a live COVID-19 Update for the Town of Kingston. The program featured Director of Elder Affairs Paula Rossi-Clapp and Medical Director at Brigham Health in Pembroke Dr. Nicole Wood. Today's COVID-19 Update will be replayed on Kingston's government channels (Comcast 15 and Verizon 42). We will share a link to the program on the Town's website once it becomes available.

Per the Kingston Harbormaster and Shellfish Constable, shellfish beds are scheduled to open on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 in the conditionally approved areas, provided there hasn't been 0.3" inches of rain or more during the previous 5 days. Due to COVID-19, the Town House is closed to the public, and thus we are unable to sell licenses as we have in previous years. If you are still in possession of last year's expired license, you may use it until the Town House reopens and you are able to purchase a new license for this year. If you were licensed to shellfish last year, and no longer have your license, your name will be verified against a list of those whose licenses expired on October 31, 2019, and you too will be able to shellfish until the Town House reopens and you are able to purchase a new license for this year. If you wish to purchase a new license, please follow the steps outlined on the attached notice.

At a press conference this morning, Governor Charlie Baker extended his order closing all non-essential businesses along with his stay-at-home advisory until May 18, 2020. These orders were previously set to expire on May 4, 2020. Governor Baker shared that although the upward curve of confirmed positive cases

of COVID-19 has flattened, the Commonwealth is not yet seeing the downward trend needed to begin loosening restrictions. In less than six weeks, COVID-19 has claimed the lives of more than 3,100 Massachusetts residents. We ask that you continue to heed the Governor's stay-at-home advisory and we thank you for helping to keep Kingston safe and healthy during this public health emergency.

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.

Josh Warren

Yoshua A. Warren, Chairman

Board of Selectmen



KINGSTON BOARD OF HEALTH

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REQUIRED USE OF FACE COVERINGS IN ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES

The Kingston Board of Health strongly encourages residents to stay at home to avoid the potential spread of COVID-19. This is part of the Town of Kingston's overall strategy to keep residents and essential workers safe and healthy.

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.

The Kingston Police Department and Fire Departments ask residents **not to call 911** about face covering related matters. Anyone with concerns should call the Kingston Board of Health at (781) 585-0503.

For more information on how to wear and make masks, and other COVID-19 related issues, please visit www.kingstonmass.org.

Thank you for helping to keep Kingston safe and healthy during this Public Health Emergency.

**This order is effective as of 4/24/20

Harbor Master's House 45 River St. Kingston, MA 02364

Shellfish Licenses Process

Per the Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable, Dennis Carvalho, shellfish beds will open Tuesday May 5th, **IF** there hasn't been any rain in the previous 5 days of .3" (3/10ths) or more in the conditionally approved areas. To see if the beds are open on a given day, you must call the recorded message at (781) 585-0519. Parking is at your own risk in the areas open for shell fishing.

- If you still have possession of last year's Shellfish license, you may use the expired license until Town Hall is open and you are able to purchase a new license for this year.
- If you did have a Shellfish license last year and do not have it now, your name will be verified against a list of those whose licenses expired on October 31, 2019. You may shellfish until Town Hall is open and you are able to purchase a new license for this year.
- If you wish to purchase a new Shellfish license, you have two options to obtain a license:

1. Mail the following information:

- ✓ copy of your Driver's License
- ✓ phone number in case we need to contact you
- ✓ self-addressed stamped envelope
- ✓ check, payable to the "Town of Kingston" with the amount determined by your category below
 - Residents 62 69 years \$15.00
 - Residents under 62 years \$40.00
 - Non-Resident Veterans amount is determined by your age
 - Non-Residents \$100.00 which includes a parking permit conditional for Grays Beach
 - Short Term Lessor \$300.00 per property

If you are eligible for a free license,

- ✓ copy of your Driver's License
- ✓ self-addressed stamped envelope (required to receive a License)
 - Residents 70 years or older
 - Massachusetts Resident Veterans 70 years or older (proof required if it is not indicated on your Driver's License)

to:

Kingston Town House Shellfish License 26 Evergreen St Kingston MA 02364

 A new Shellfish license will be mailed back using the self-addressed stamped envelope you provide.

2. Drop off the following information at the Town House, in the "drop box" to the right of the front doors:

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We are unable to send the clip in the mail with the new license. Please stop by and pick one up when the Town House reopens.