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Advisory #47

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that there were 4,871 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 127 from yesterday's count of 4,774. Earlier today the Town of Kingston was informed of 1 additional confirmed positive case of COVID-19 bringing the Town's total number of cases to 56. 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.

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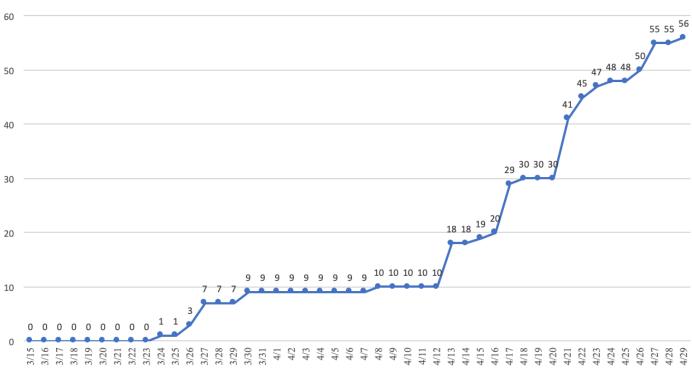
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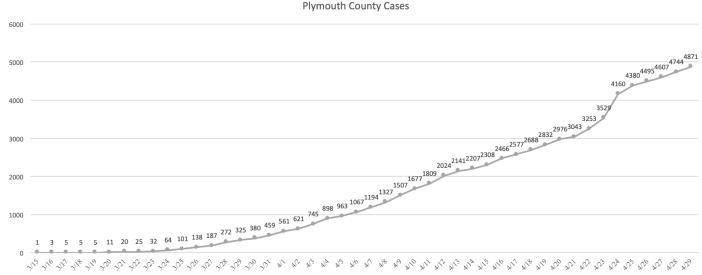
These graphs are a visual companion to the numbers that we have been reporting each day.



Kingston Cases

Board of Selectmen Joshua Warren, Chairman Elaine A. Fiore, Vice Chairman Sandra D. MacFarlane, Clerk Tammy Murray Jessica Kramer

Town Administrator/ Chief Procurement Officer Thomas J. Calter III



Kingston's Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Team will continue to meet on a daily basis and will provide updates through these daily communications posted on the Town's website.

Pursuant to the Board of Selectmen's vote of April 28, 2020 the due date for real and personal property tax bills has been extended from May 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020. Payments can be made by using the drop-box outside of the Town House, by remitting payment to the address listed on your bill, or by using the online tax payment system at https://epay.cityhallsystems.com. If you have questions regarding your real and personal property tax bills, please contact the Kingston Tax Collector's Office at 781-585-0507.

Earlier today Eversource announced that the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless was successful in their application for a grant from the organization's Community Impact Program. In a statement released by Eversource, Community Relations Specialist Ryan Earle shared, "We recognize that homeless individuals and families are some of the hardest impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We're proud to provide the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless with a contribution to help them continue their efforts to strengthen families in need, especially during this challenging time."

Yesterday's COVID-19 update on PACTV has been posted on the Town's website. The program featured Director of Elder Affairs Paula Rossi-Clapp and Medical Director at Brigham Health in Pembroke Dr. Nicole Wood. Paula discussed the Council on Aging's ongoing efforts to support Kingston's seniors, and Dr. Wood answered questions about COVID-19's impact on the State of Massachusetts, the use of face coverings, signs and symptoms of the virus, and more. Yesterday's update will be replayed on Kingston's government channels (Comcast 15 and Verizon 42).

At a press conference yesterday 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 3,400 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 <u>www.kingstonmass.org</u> 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 Board of Selectmen