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Friday, April 3, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that there were 745 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase from 621 cases yesterday. **The Town of Kingston remains at nine confirmed positive cases of COVID-19.** 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.

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.

Kingston's Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Chief Douglass reported that earlier today the Army National Guard delivered fifty N95 masks and fifty gowns to the Kingston Fire Department. The Kingston Fire Department will continue to monitor the personal protective equipment (PPE) inventory for both the Fire and Police Departments, and will be making requests with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) for additional PPE as needed.

At last night's Silver Lake Regional School Committee meeting, members voted unanimously to donate what PPE the schools had for their Career and Technical Education courses to first responders in Plympton, Halifax, and Kingston. This resulted in twelve N95 masks and 60 face masks, along with various other items being donated to Kingston's first responders.

At 10:30 AM, Kingston aired its fifth COVID-19 Update on PACTV. Dr. Nicole Wood, Medical Director at Brigham Health in Pembroke, Rev. Monica Jacobson-Tennessen, minister of First Parish Church, and Amy Burns, LCSW, an Adjustment Counselor in the Duxbury Public School System, joined us for the update and shared tips on maintaining your health and general wellbeing, as well as supporting children and teens during the ongoing pandemic. Both Amy and Monica are Kingston residents. This program will be replayed on Kingston's government channels (Comcast 15 and Verizon 42) and eventually will be made available online. We will link the video to the Town's website when it becomes available.

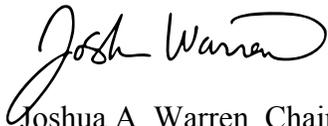
With confirmed cases of COVID-19 on the rise, Kingston's Emergency Management Team and Board of Health would like to remind you that this is a crucial time for infection control. Maintaining social

distancing, limiting exposure to others, avoiding crowded places, and vigilant hand washing are vital steps in slowing the spread of this disease.

Efforts to respond to and contain COVID-19 are rapidly changing, but our priority is to serve and support Kingston residents, employees, and businesses through the continuity of basic services and operations. We acknowledge that COVID-19 will significantly impact the lives of all those in our community, but we ask that you take a thoughtful and measured approach to keeping yourselves, your families, and your neighbors safe by following the news and recommendations made by the Center for Disease Control and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joshua A. Warren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman
Board of Selectmen