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To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that there were 898 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase from 745 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. Health Agent Arthur Boyle, and Police Chief Maurice Splaine reported to the group on an incident that occurred today at the Kingston Stop and Shop.

Kingston Police responded to the store shortly before noon for a report of a disturbance. It is alleged that a 65-year-old male from Duxbury was coughing and spitting on produce and was confrontational with employees and witnesses. At this time there is no reason to believe the individual has COVID-19, however he has been transported to BID Plymouth Hospital to be evaluated. Arthur Boyle met with Stop & Shop's store manager and confirmed that all of the produce that was contaminated has been disposed of and the area surrounding where the incident occurred, has been cleaned and disinfected.

Yesterday's COVID-19 Update on PACTV, featuring 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, has been posted on the Town's website. The program focuses 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, and we are incredibly grateful that they took time out of their day to join us on PACTV. This program will be replayed on Kingston's government channels (Comcast 15 and Verizon 42).

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.

Wishing you a nice weekend.

Sincerely,

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman

Board of Selectmen

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