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Advisory #26

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that there were 1,327 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase from 1,194 cases yesterday. **The Town of Kingston was notified today that another resident has tested positive for COVID-19. This brings our total number of confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 to 10.** 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](http://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. Arthur Boyle, Kingston's Health Agent, reported to the group that the VNA had notified him of Kingston's tenth confirmed positive case of COVID-19. The group also discussed the Commonwealth's new Nursing Home Family Resource Line.

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services announced yesterday that they had launched a Nursing Home Family Resource Line – a dedicated phone line to connect family members of nursing home and rest home residents with the information and resources they need. This new phone line provides one central contact for families and community members who have questions about the nursing home or rest home care their loved one is receiving during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Nursing Home Family Resource Line is staffed from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, 7 days a week, and can be reached at 617-660-5399. We have provided this information on the Town's website.

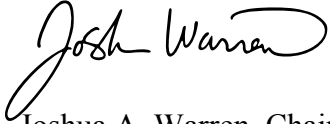
The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is reaching out to women across the Commonwealth to learn how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting them. The survey is not confidential. They will compile and share the data with our legislators and the administration to influence recommendations regarding policies that address issues women and their families are facing during this time. We've provided a link to the survey below for residents who would like to participate. The deadline to complete the survey is Thursday, April 9, 2020.

COVID-19 Survey: <https://bit.ly/2wlrTrK>

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.

We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Warren". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen