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# TOWN OF KINGSTON

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## Advisory #50

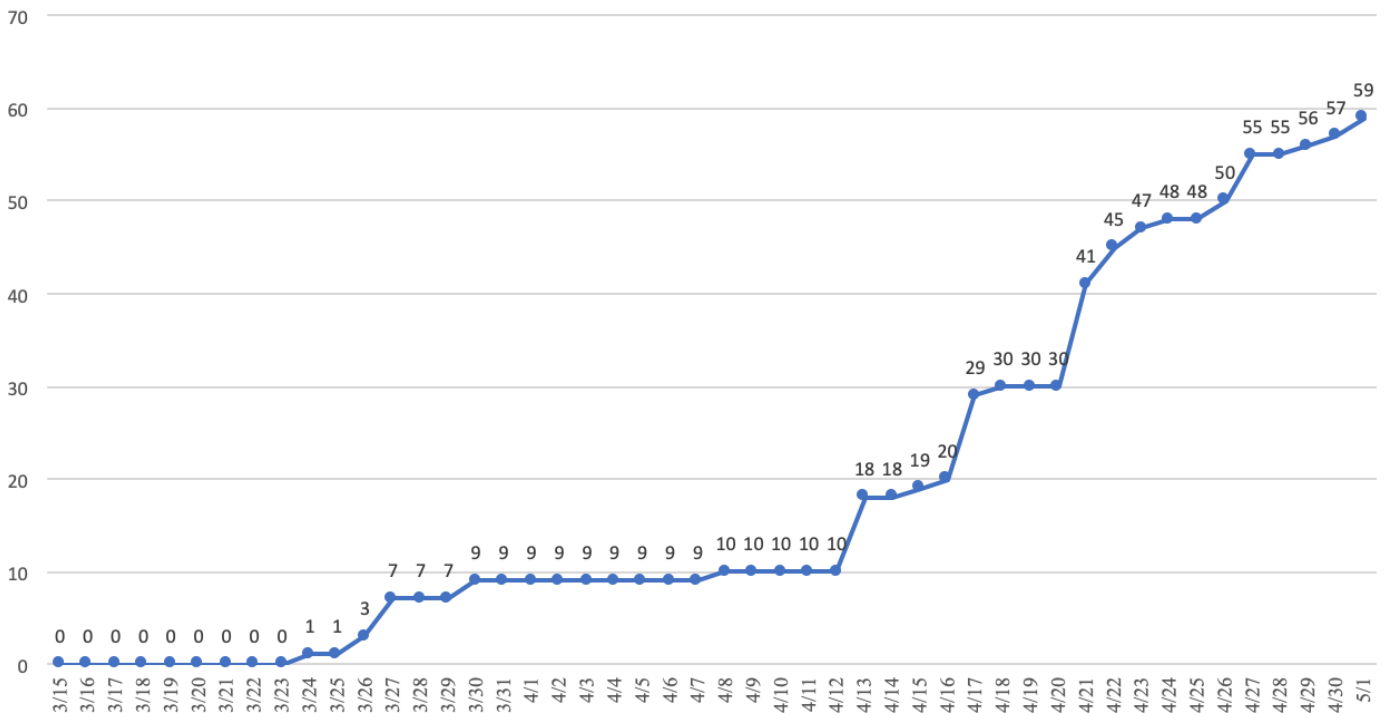
Friday, May 1, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

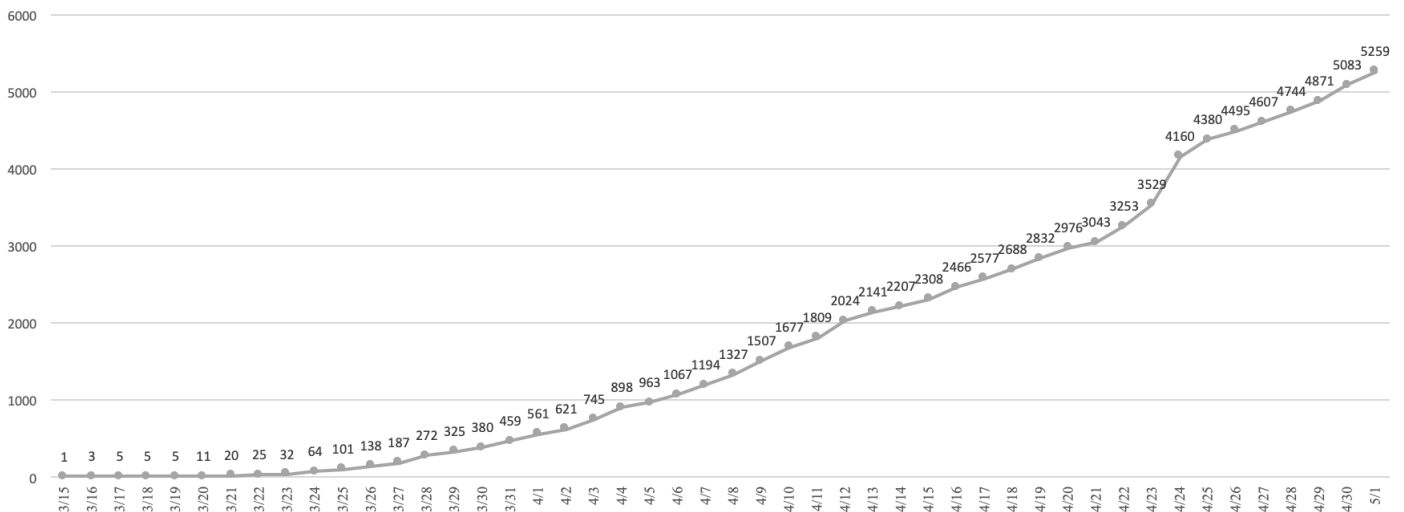
This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that there were 5,259 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 176 from yesterday's count of 5,083. **Earlier today the Town of Kingston was informed of 2 additional confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the Town's total number of cases to 59.** 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 Cases



Plymouth County Cases



Kingston’s Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town’s ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Much of today’s call was spent discussing the phased reopening of Town buildings, and what that may look like once the Governor loosens restrictions as they relate to the Commonwealth’s stay-at-home advisory, and when the Town of Kingston is equipped to safely meet the challenges ahead. This will include developing a comprehensive plan that takes into consideration the health and safety of employees, residents, and all those conducting business in Town buildings or utilizing public parks and resources.

During the meeting, Kingston’s Health Agent Arthur Boyle asked that as we head into the weekend we remind residents that per the order of the Board of Health, all persons entering essential businesses in the Town of Kingston are required to wear a face mask or similar covering to lessen the chance of spreading COVID-19. The Kingston Police and Fire Departments ask residents not to call 9-1-1 about face covering related matters. Anyone with concerns should call the Kingston Board of Health at (781) 585-0503.

Arthur also shared with the Emergency Management Team that pursuant to Governor Baker’s Executive Order, effective Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, everyone in the Commonwealth is required to wear a face mask or similar covering in public. This order includes those entering businesses, spending time outdoors, or traveling on public transportation, if they are unable to socially distance themselves from others. The Department of Public Health, local boards of health, and authorized agents pursuant to G. L. c. 111, § 30 are authorized to enforce this Order and if necessary may do so with the assistance of State or municipal police. Violation of the terms of this Order may result in a civil fine of up to \$300 per violation.

Paula Rossi-Clapp shared with the group that since the Council on Aging closed its doors to the public in early March, her team has delivered 1,870 meals to Kingston seniors and an additional 71 meals to Kingston’s first responders and essential employees.

Earlier today, Priscilla Brackett of Kingston’s Veterans Services Department reported that her office has received an outpouring of support from Kingston residents since she appeared on PACTV to promote the services offered by her Department. This week alone she has received \$300 in donations to the Veterans Donation Fund, and one resident has donated 50 handmade masks that will be distributed to Kingston’s veterans.

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.

At 10:30 AM PACTV aired a live COVID-19 Update featuring District Attorney Tim Cruz, Town Clerk Paul Gallagher, and Town Administrator Tom Calter. This program will be rebroadcast on Kingston's government channels (Comcast 15 and Verizon 42). We will post a link to the program on the Town's website once it becomes available.

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.

We are all in this together.

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