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Advisory #64

Friday, May 15, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

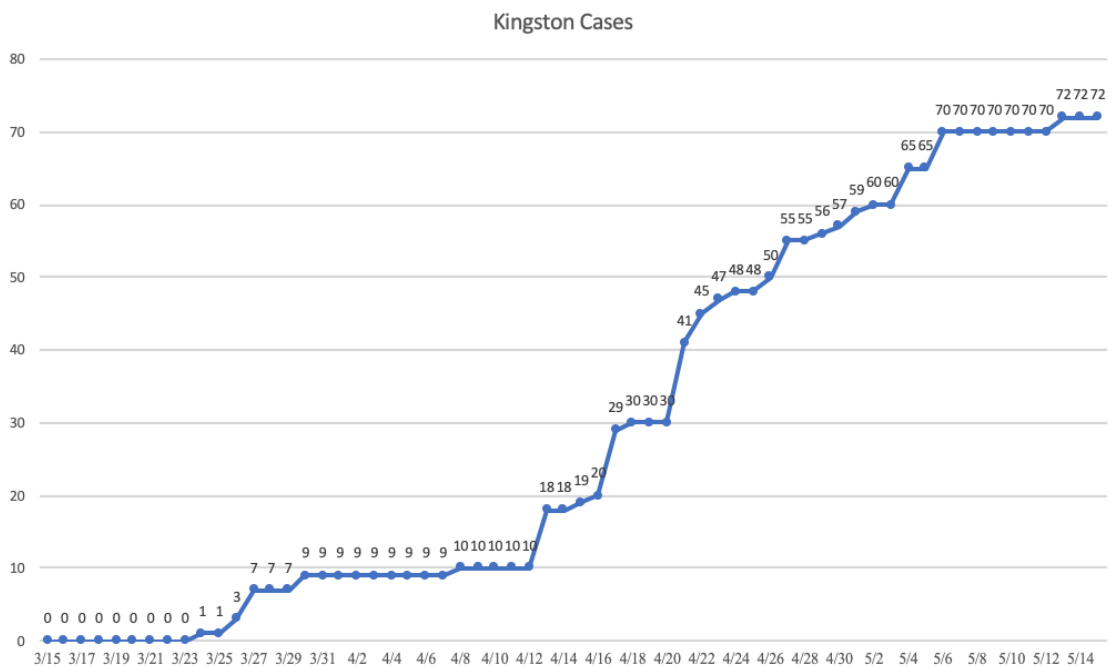
Yesterday the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) was delayed in posting their daily COVID-19 Dashboard. As a result, yesterday's updated figures for Plymouth County were not included in "Advisory #63." The total number of COVID-19 cases for Plymouth County for yesterday and today are detailed below:

On Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, DPH announced that there were 6,774 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 185 from the previous day's total of 6,592.

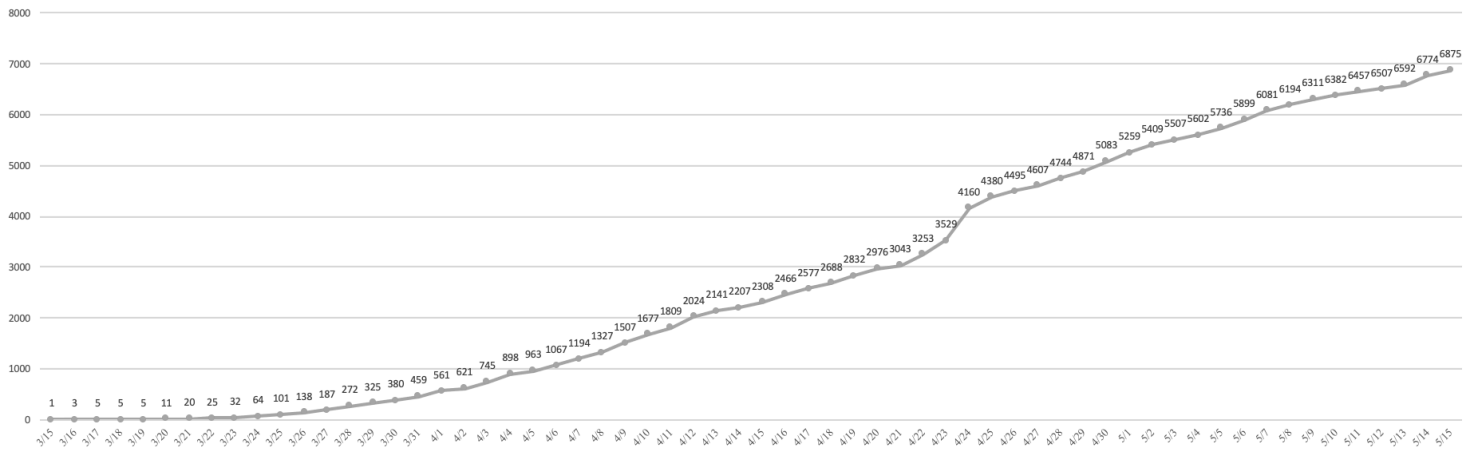
On Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, DPH announced that there were 6,875 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 101 from the previous day's total of 6,774.

**As of this afternoon the Town's total number of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases remains at 72.** Of the Town's total number of confirmed positive cases, 35 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.



Plymouth County Cases



Kingston’s Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town’s ongoing response to COVID-19. Director of Elder Affairs Paula Rossi-Clapp shared that since the Kingston Council on Aging closed its doors to the public in March, her staff have delivered 2,499 meals to Kingston seniors, first responders, and essential personnel. An additional 204 bags of nonperishable foods were delivered to seniors across the Town of Kingston. Paula was recently invited to join the Massachusetts Council on Aging’s COA Reopening Task Force, and she has been able to share with the group what best practices are being suggested to reopen COAs across the Commonwealth.

At 10:30 AM PACTV aired a live COVID-19 Update for the Town of Kingston. The program featured Fire Chief Mark Douglass, who provided an update on the work being done to safely and responsibly reopen Town buildings and facilities. Plymouth County Commissioner Dan Pallotta also joined the conversation to discuss the County’s efforts to administer \$90 million in federal CARES Act funding, which will be distributed to the 27 municipalities within Plymouth County. The broadcast will be replayed on Kingston’s government channels (Comcast 15 and Verizon 42), and we will provide a link to the program on the Town’s website as soon as one becomes available.

The Kingston Recreation Department is soliciting feedback from families as to how they may utilize the department’s summer program offerings. They have created a quick five question online survey that will help them develop summer programming, whether it be traditional summer programming as they’ve offered in the past, or virtual programming in light of the ongoing challenges presented by COVID-19. To complete the survey, please visit <https://bit.ly/2AnLmhS>.

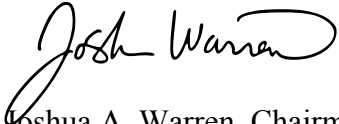
Due to the Governor’s Order there will be no brush chipping offered at the Transfer Station during the month of May. The next scheduled date for brush chipping at the Transfer Station will be Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**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. Please see the attached announcement regarding Governor Baker’s Executive Order from the Kingston Board of Health.

With the weekend upon us, Kingston’s Emergency Management Team wanted to take this opportunity to remind you all that social distancing is the best way to slow the spread of COVID-19. As you enjoy

barbeques, hikes, bike rides, and all of the great outdoor activities that go along with the warmer weather, please keep in mind that the better each of us is at social distancing, the better off we'll all be.

Have a safe and healthy weekend,

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

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen



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**On May 1, 2020, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, issued an order effective 12:01 am, Wednesday, May 6, 2020, requiring individuals to wear masks in public places. This guidance is issued pursuant to that Order to further clarify who is required to wear masks and any exceptions.**

Any person who is in a place open to the public in the Commonwealth, when unable to maintain a distance of approximately six feet from every other person, shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face-covering. Masks are required at all times when:

- Inside or waiting in line outside of grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retail stores;
- Providing or using the services of any taxi, car, livery, ride-sharing, or similar service;
- On any form of public transit, including train or bus; and
- In an enclosed or semi-enclosed transit stop or waiting area.

The use of a mask does not replace important social distancing measures. All individuals must continue to maintain more than 6 feet of distance from other people; wash hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; and stay home when sick.

Children under the age of 2 years should not wear face coverings or masks. For children 2 years of age and older, a mask or face covering should be used, if possible. Mask use by children 2 years of age and up to the age of five is encouraged but should be at the discretion of the child's parent or guardian at this time. Parents and guardians should ensure that the mask fits snugly and does not obstruct a child's ability to breathe.

The fit of face coverings should be as follows:

- Fit securely and comfortably against the side of the face;
- Be secured with ties or ear loops;
- Allow for breathing without restriction; and
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change of shape.

Exceptions for wearing face masks include situations that may inhibit an individual from wearing a face-mask safely. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Those who cannot breathe safely;
- Those who, due to a behavioral health diagnosis, are unable to do so;



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- Those communicating with people who rely upon lip-reading;
- Those who require supplemental oxygen to breathe; and
- Those who are exercising outdoors and are able to keep physical distance from others.

Masks and face coverings should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use. When possible, masks should be washed in a washing machine. If a washing machine is unavailable, masks should be washed with soap and water and allow drying fully before using again.

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**Thank you for helping keep Kingston safe and healthy during this Public Health Emergency.**