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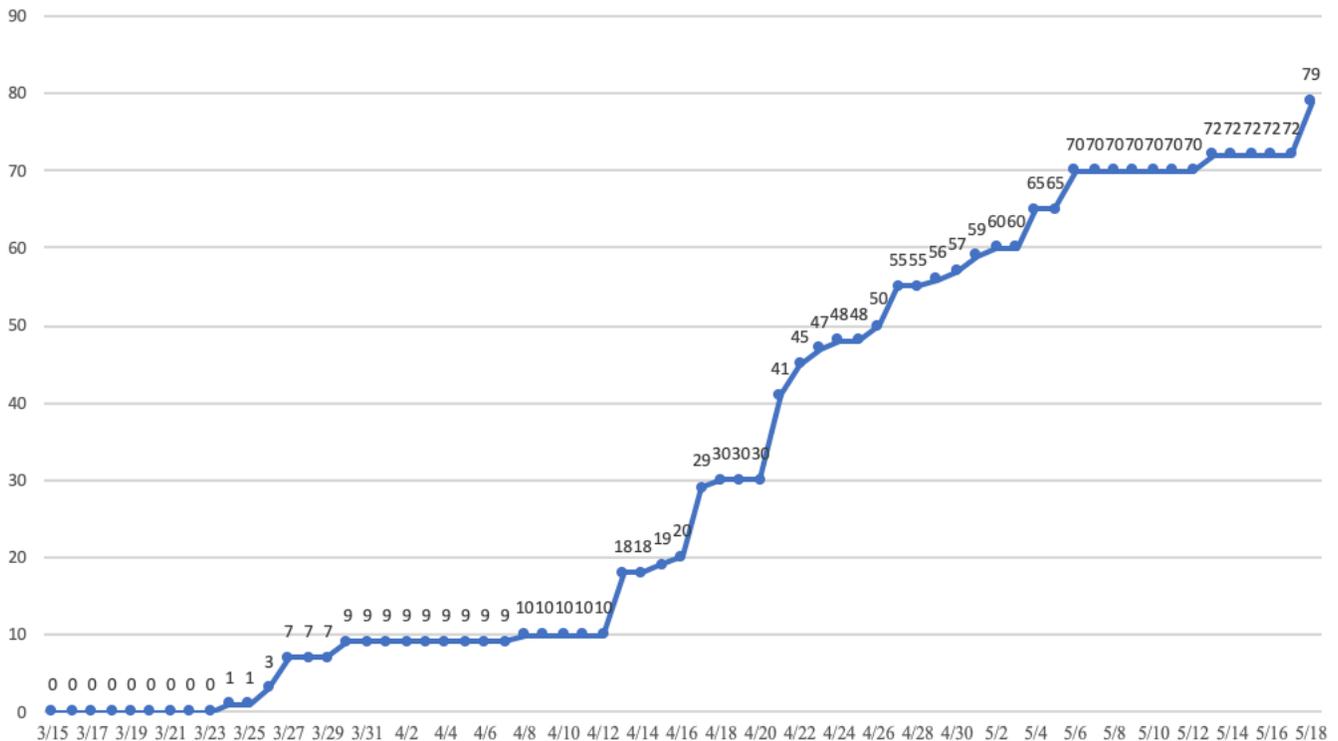
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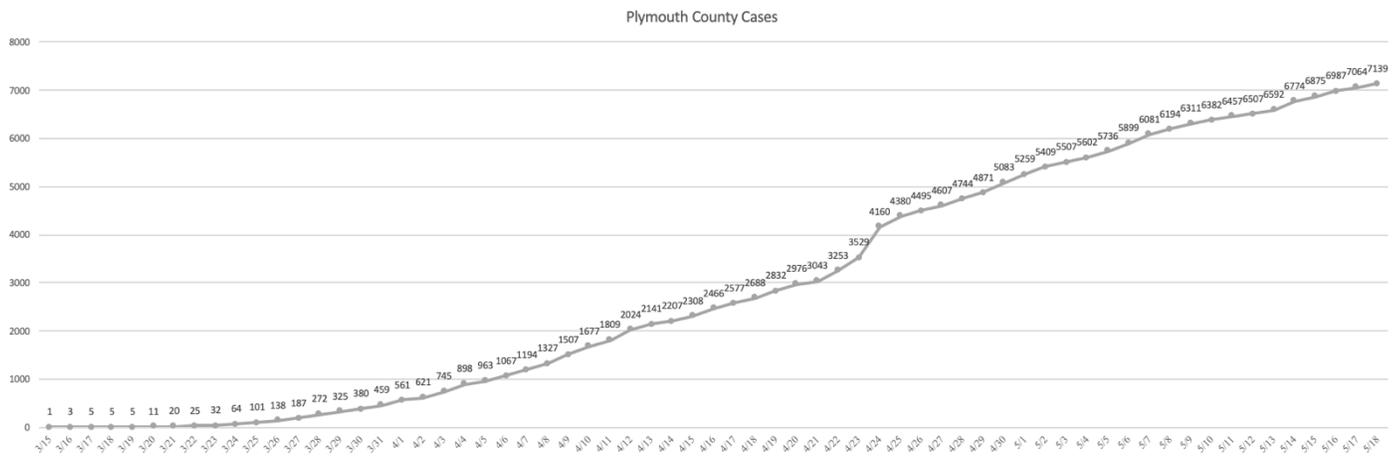
To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced that there were 7,139 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 75 from yesterday's count of 7,064. **Earlier today the Town of Kingston was informed of 7 additional confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the Town's total count to 79.** Of the Town's total number of confirmed positive cases, 42 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





Kingston’s Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town’s ongoing response to COVID-19. Health Agent Arthur Boyle shared that today’s local increase in numbers is the result of further testing by the National Guard at a facility in Kingston. Those who tested positive for COVID-19 were asymptomatic, and the proactive testing measures that were taken have allowed for individuals carrying the virus to be identified and isolated in an effort to mitigate further spread of the virus.

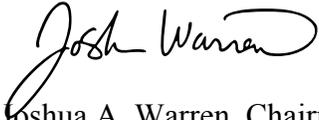
Much of today’s meeting was spent discussing the Baker-Polito Administration’s four-phased plan to safely reopen the Commonwealth, which was released earlier today. The plan stresses that we must work together to reopen; we have a collective responsibility to safely and smoothly reopen the economy, get people back to work, and ease social restrictions while minimizing the health impacts of COVID-19. The Emergency Management Team discussed how today’s announcement will impact Town operations and local businesses. We encourage you to visit www.mass.gov/reopening for more information.

In addition to releasing its reopening plan for the Commonwealth, the Baker-Polito Administration has also issued a “Safer-at-Home Advisory,” which replaces the previous recommendations made in its “Stay-at-Home Advisory.” In an effort to reopen while still fighting COVID-19, the following recommendations are listed in the “Safer-at-Home Advisory”:

- People over the age of 65 and people who have underlying health conditions – those who are high risk for COVID-19 – should continue to stay home except for essential errands such as going to the grocery store and attending healthcare needs.
- All residents are advised to leave home only for healthcare, worship, permitted work, shopping and outdoor activities.
- When going to the pharmacy, ask if you can fill your prescriptions for 90 days if possible; for some medications this is not allowed. If you are high-risk, try to use a mail-order service.
- Don’t participate in close contact activities such as pick-up sports games.
- All residents are **REQUIRED** to cover their face when they cannot maintain six feet of social distance in public.
- Parents should limit play dates for children.
- Refrain from visiting nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, or other residential care settings.

- All residents are advised to wash their hands frequently and for at least 20 seconds with soapy water.
- All residents are advised to vigilantly monitor symptoms and stay home if they feel sick.
- Use remote modes of communication like phone or video chat instead of visiting friends or family who are high risk for COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19,

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

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman
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