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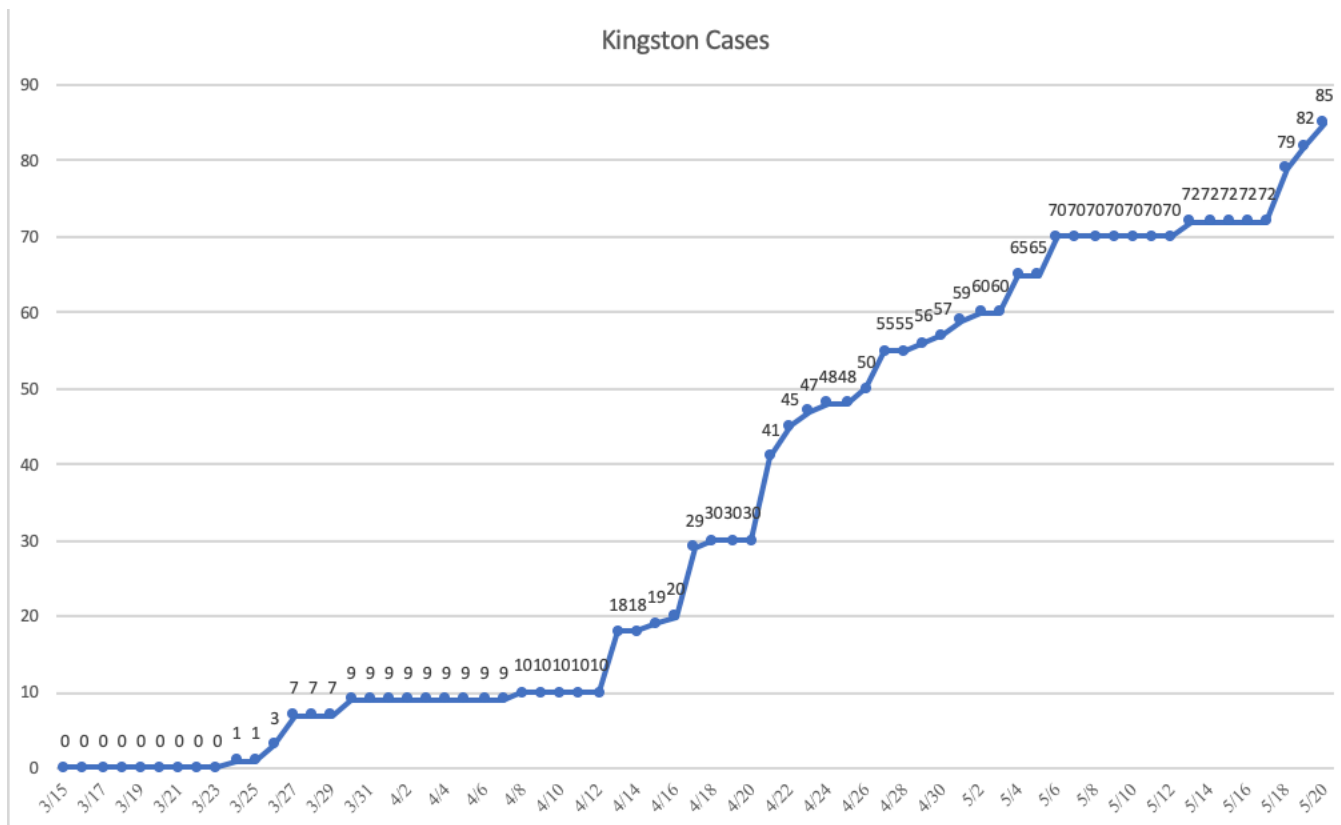
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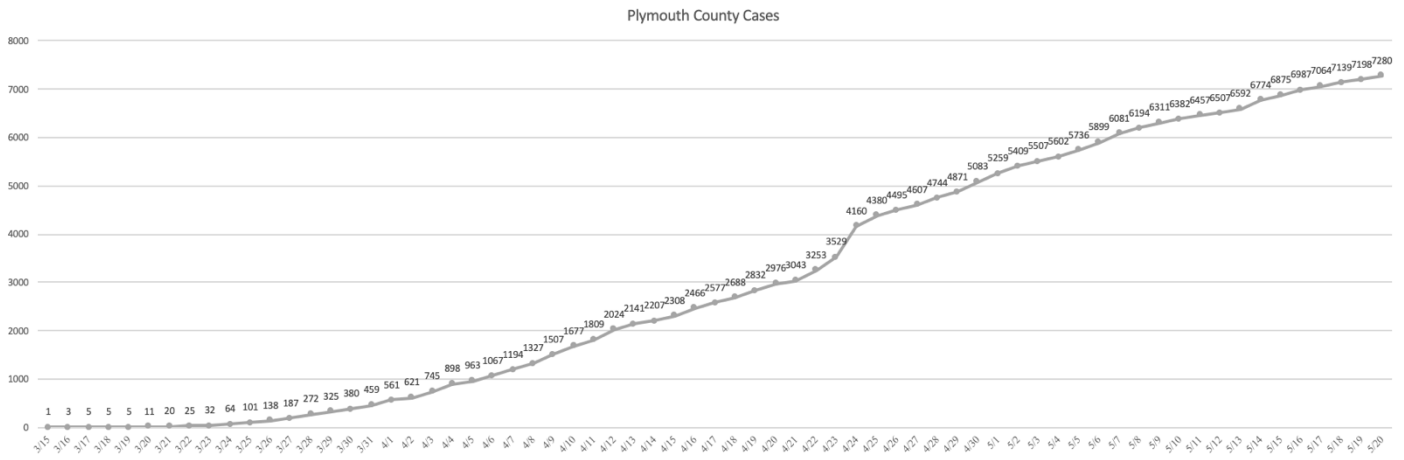
Wednesday, May 20, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced that there were 7,280 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 82 from yesterday's count of 7,198. **Earlier today the Town of Kingston was informed of 3 additional confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the Town's total count to 85.** Of the Town's total number of confirmed positive cases, 46 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’s Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town’s ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Police Chief Maurice Splaine shared that he is working with the SLRSD and police chiefs from Plympton and Halifax to develop a plan for the Silver Lake Regional High School’s 2020 graduation, scheduled for Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Chief Mark Douglass reported to the team on the progress being made by the Town’s reopening task force. Mark, along with his fellow task force members: Facilities Manager Brad Norman, Health Agent Arthur Boyle, and Head Custodian and Kingston Town Employees Union representative Chris Woods, have begun to discuss travel patterns within the Kingston Town House, along with new standard operating procedures that take into account the risks posed by COVID-19 to employees and the public. They anticipate receiving business continuity plans from Department Heads by the end of the week, and will use these plans to support staff in returning to the Town House, as well as opening doors to the public.

Earlier today Mark met with Library Director Sia Stewart and Director of Recreation Sue Woodworth regarding their plans to welcome staff back into their respective buildings. In the coming days we hope to publish a document that discusses the phased reopening of properties supported by the Kingston Public Library and Kingston Recreation Department.

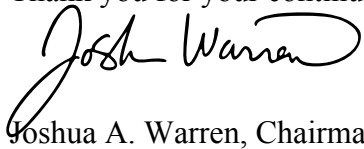
Due to COVID-19, Kingston’s Memorial Day Parade has been cancelled. The Memorial Day Parade Committee will be laying wreaths at all War Memorials and will hold a small ceremony on the Town House lawn. The ceremony will be aired on PACTV in the days following Memorial Day. A Town of Kingston Veterans’ Services Facebook page has been created and will be live streaming the day’s events starting at 10:00 AM. The Memorial Day Parade Committee invites you to join the Town of Kingston virtually as we find a new way to honor those Veterans we have lost.

In addition to releasing its reopening plan for the Commonwealth ([www.mass.gov/reopening](http://www.mass.gov/reopening)), 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 "Joshua A. Warren". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen