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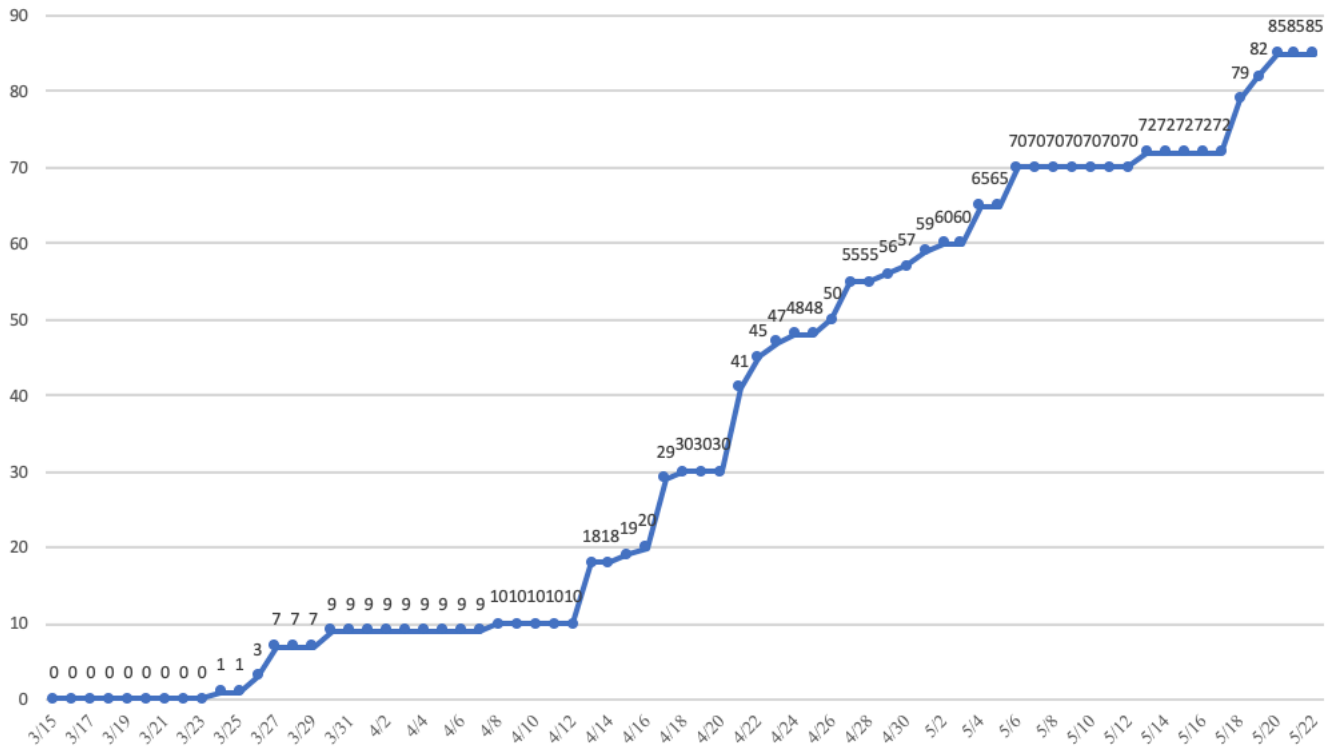
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To the Residents of Kingston,

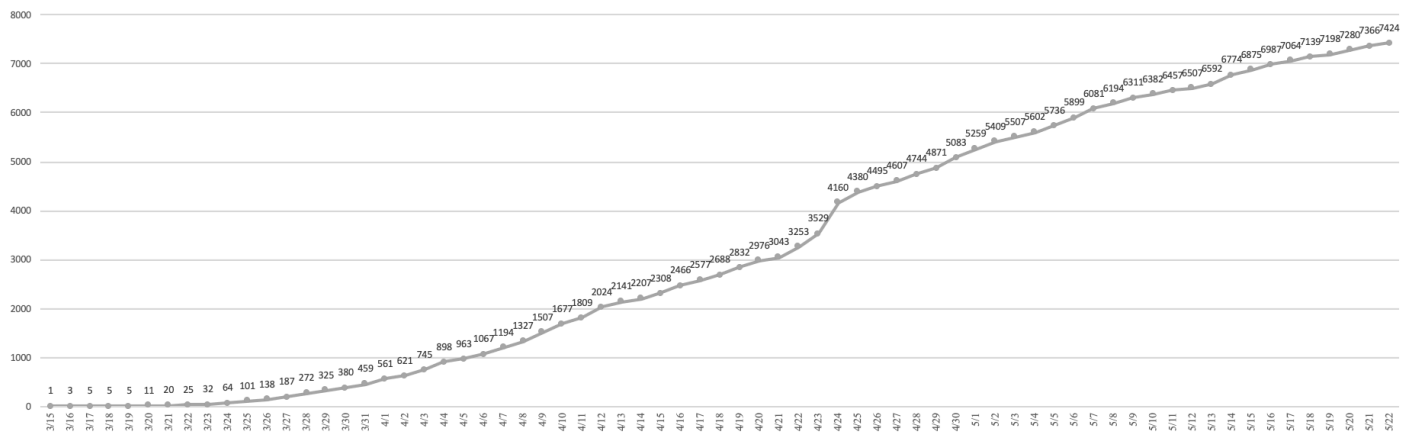
This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced that there were 7,424 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 58 from yesterday's count of 7,366. **As of this afternoon the Town's total number of confirmed positive cases remains at 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 Cases



Plymouth County Cases



Kingston’s Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town’s ongoing response to COVID-19. Fire Chief Mark Douglass reported to the group on the progress being made by the Town’s reopening task force. Chief Douglass and Facilities Manager Brad Norman, two members of the reopening task force, will be discussing the Town’s phased reopening on PACTV this coming Tuesday at 10:30 AM.

Paula Rossi-Clapp shared that since the Council on Aging (COA) closed its doors to the public, her staff have delivered 2,831 meals to Kingston seniors, first responders, and essential Town employees. They have delivered an additional 259 bags of non-perishable food items provided by the South Shore Community Action Council. Paula is currently working with the reopening task force on a plan to resume transportation services at the COA, and is in conversations with the Kingston Public Library to begin delivering books to seniors in the coming weeks.

As a reminder Grays Beach and Grays Beach Park are closed until further notice. We recognize that with warmer weather upon us many residents wish to go to the beach and utilize the park’s resources. The reopening task force is currently working with Recreation Director Sue Woodworth on a plan to reopen Grays Beach Park and we hope to be able to do so in the very near future. We ask for your continued patience as we work to safely and responsibly reopen the Town of Kingston.

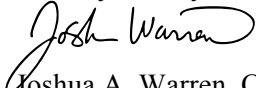
Due to COVID-19, Kingston’s Memorial Day Parade has been cancelled. The Memorial Day Parade Committee will be laying wreaths at all War Memorials and will hold a small ceremony on the Town House lawn. The ceremony will be aired on PACTV in the days following Memorial Day. A Town of Kingston Veterans’ 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), 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,


Joshua A. Warren, Chairman
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