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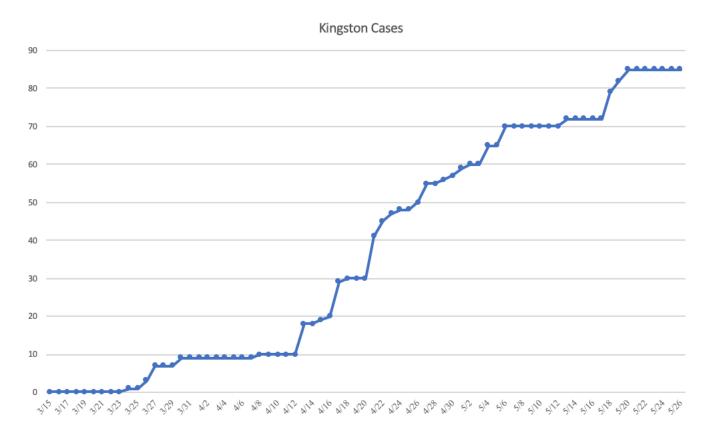
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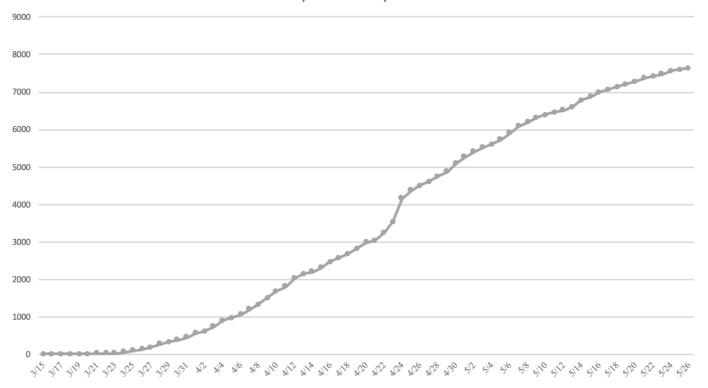
To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced that there were 7,632 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 38 from yesterday's count of 7,594. **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.



Plymouth County Cases



Kingston's Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town's ongoing response to COVID-19. Much of the discussion was led by Fire Chief Mark Douglass, who ran the group through the reopening task force's proposed schedule for when Kingston's buildings and properties would be reopened to staff and the public. Mark also presented the task force's proposed reopening plan to the Board of Selectmen during tonight's 6:00 PM Board of Selectmen meeting, where it was voted to approve the plan and give authority to the task force to move forward in reopening Town buildings and properties as presented.

Director of Elder Affairs Paula Rossi-Clapp shared that transportation services will resume at the Council on Aging on Monday, June 1st. Drivers will be limited to transporting one passenger at a time. Seniors in need of transportation services on or after Monday, June 1st can call the COA now to schedule those rides.

Grays Beach Park will open tomorrow, May 27th, with certain park amenities remaining closed (playground, restrooms, and organized programs and activities). The basketball court will be opened for individual basketball shooting only. Tennis courts will reopen by June 8th for singles play only. Beach parking sticker sales are suspended until a point of sale can be reestablished in a manner that is safe for both residents and staff; last year's resident stickers will be valid through June 30th. We ask that those using the park continue to follow all social distancing guidelines per the Governor's orders, and remember to wear face coverings when it is not possible to maintain a six-foot physical distance between yourself and others.

At 10:30 AM PACTV aired a COVID-19 Update for the Town of Kingston. The program featured Fire Chief Mark Douglass and Facilities Manager Brad Norman, two members of the Town's reopening task force. Brad and Mark spoke to the work they are doing to safely reopen Town buildings and properties, in a manner that is consistent with the Governor's Orders. The program will be rebroadcast on Kingston's Government channels (Comcast 15 and Verizon 42). We will share the link on the Town's website when available.

Due to COVID-19, Kingston's Memorial Day Parade was cancelled. In lieu of a parade, Kingston's Memorial Day Parade Committee laid wreaths at each of Kingston's war memorials, and organized a small ceremony on the lawn of the Town House. The ceremony will be rebroadcast on Kingston's Government

channels (Comcast 15 and Verizon 42) in the coming days. The program has been shared online and is available at: https://youtu.be/DzdEMBfQ3KY.

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

Yoshua A. Warren, Chairman

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