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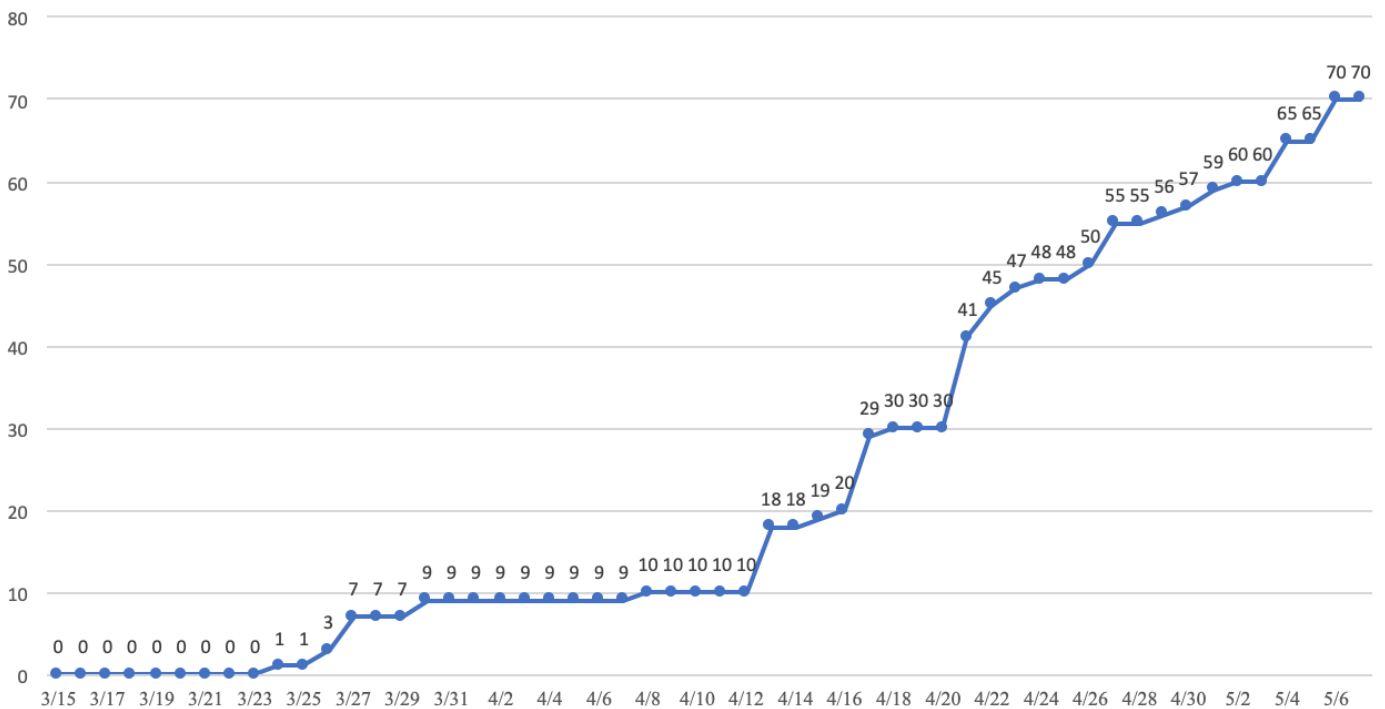
Thursday, May 7, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

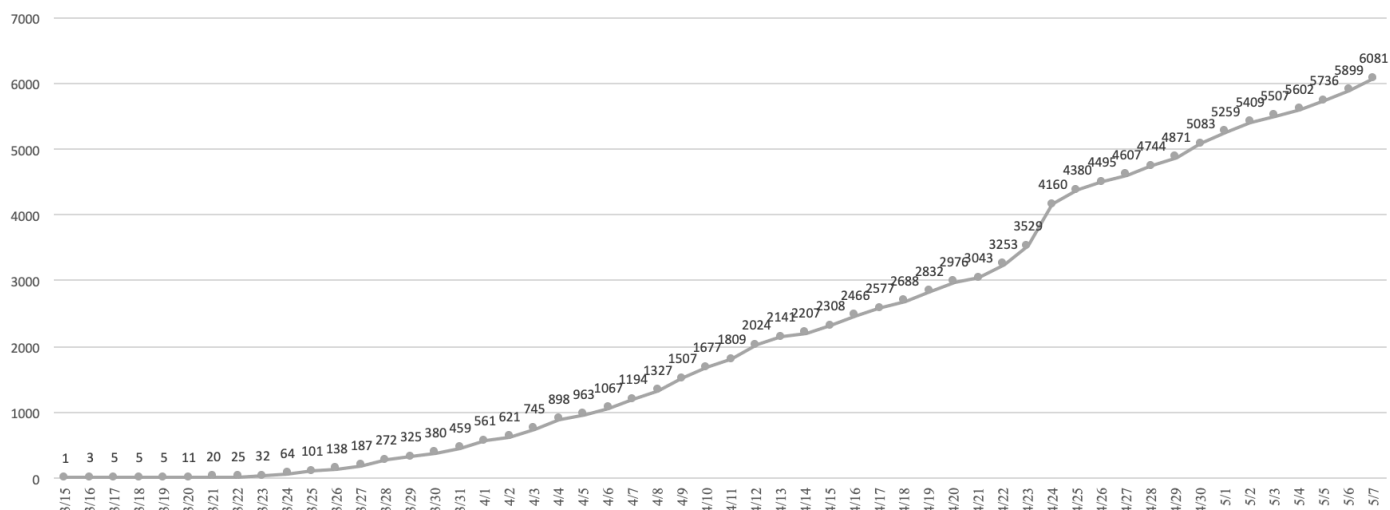
This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced that there were 6,081 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 182 from yesterday's count of 5,899. **The Town's total number of confirmed positive cases remains at 70.** Of the Town's total number of confirmed positive cases, 33 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 the COVID-19 pandemic. Kingston’s Health Agent Arthur Boyle shared that a new COVID-19 testing facility has been opened in the City of Brockton. The drive-up testing site is located at Brockton High School and is open to: all essential employees whether they are symptomatic or not, and any symptomatic residents, regardless of whether they are deemed essential. Patients are asked to call a hotline in advance at (844) 483-7819.

Arthur also spoke to his department’s continued efforts to gain compliance from Kingston’s businesses who have been less responsive to Governor Baker’s Executive Order requiring the use of face coverings in public. At this afternoon’s 3:00 PM meeting, he was pleased to report that those businesses who have been slow to adapt to the new requirements are now in compliance.

As the Town of Kingston looks forward to safely and responsibly inviting employees back into their physical work spaces, Facilities Manager Brad Norman has sourced reusable cotton face coverings for all those who need them. Each employee will be given two masks, along with instructions on how to properly wear and wash them. Face masks have already been delivered to four departments, and to all those who work in the Town House. Brad has also begun the process of outfitting offices that regularly interface with the public with protective glass screens to provide greater protection for both employees and residents.

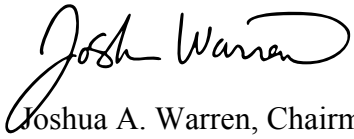
Pursuant to Governor Baker’s Executive Order, effective yesterday, Wednesday, May 6th, everyone in the Commonwealth is required to wear a face mask or similar covering in public. This order includes those entering businesses, spending time outdoors, or traveling on public transportation, if they are 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.

The Special State Senate Election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2020. Poll hours will be from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM. The Town Clerk’s Office has asked that we take this opportunity to communicate the following announcement to precinct 4 voters, also delineated in the attached notice: Due to challenges presented by COVID-19, the Town House will not be open for voting. All Precinct 4 voters who plan to vote in-person will be able to cast their ballots at the Kingston Elementary School (100 Main St., Kingston, MA). As of now, this change of venue only applies to the Special State Senate Election. **All voters are asked to**

wear face masks or similar coverings to protect themselves, their neighbors, and all of our poll workers.

Please continue to visit www.kingstonmass.org for daily updates from Kingston's Emergency Management Team, as well as links to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) websites.

We are all in this together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Warren". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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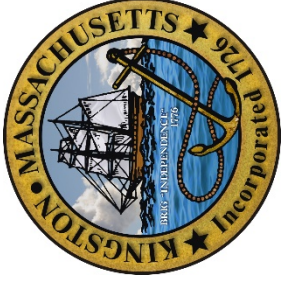
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- Those communicating with people who rely upon lip-reading;
- Those who require supplemental oxygen to breathe; and
- Those who are exercising outdoors and are able to keep physical distance from others.

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.

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.

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



Special State Senate Election

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Poll Hours: 7:00am – 8:00pm

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PRECINCT 4 VOTERS

Voting at the Town House will not be available as has been in the past. You may cast your ballot at the Kingston Elementary School Cafeteria, 100 Main Street, Kingston for this Election only.

This is only for the May 19 Special Election!

The precinct will return to the Town House for Precinct 4 Voters after May 19 unless additional notification is received.

Please wear face masks and protect yourself, your neighbors and the pollworkers.