Advisory #43

Saturday, April 25, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

Due to a national laboratory reporting issue, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health was delayed in reporting yesterday’s data. As such, yesterday’s data for Plymouth County was not included in Advisory #42. Yesterday and today’s daily reported data for Plymouth County is as follows:

On Friday, April 24, 2020, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health reported 4,160 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represented an increase of 631 from the previous day’s total of 3,529.

This afternoon, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health reported 4,380 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represented an increase of 220 from the previous day’s total of 4,160.

As of this afternoon, the total number of confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the Town of Kingston remains at 48. Of the Town’s total number of confirmed positive cases, 28 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. Health Agent Arthur Boyle reported that many of the Kingston businesses that he visited yesterday afternoon to inform of the Board of Health’s decision to require the use of face coverings by all persons entering was well received. He shared that many businesses were pleased to have the support of the Kingston Board of Health as they look to keep their staff and customers safe during this ongoing public health crisis. Please see the attached announcement from the Kingston Board of Health regarding yesterday’s vote.

The Kingston Police Department and Fire Departments ask that residents do not call 9-1-1 regarding face covering related matters. Anyone with concerns are advised to call the Kingston Board of Health at (781) 585-0503.

With confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Kingston, Plymouth County and the Commonwealth on the rise, Kingston’s Board of Health and Emergency Management Team would like to remind you that this is a crucial time for infection control. Maintaining social distancing, limiting exposure to others, avoiding crowded places, and vigilant hand washing are vital steps in slowing the spread of this disease.

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.

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
MANDATORY USE OF FACE COVERINGS IN ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES

The Kingston Board of Health strongly encourages residents to stay at home to avoid the potential spread of COVID-19. This is part of the Town of Kingston's overall strategy to keep residents and essential workers safe and healthy.

EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020 THE KINGSTON BOARD OF HEALTH IS REQUIRING ALL PERSONS ENTERING ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES TO WEAR A FACE MASK OR SIMILAR COVERING TO LESSEN THE CHANCE OF SPREADING COVID-19.

The Kingston Police Department and Fire Departments ask residents not to call 911 about face covering related matters. Anyone with concerns should call the Kingston Board of Health at (781) 585-0503.

For more information on how to wear and make masks, and other COVID-19 related issues, please visit www.kingstonmass.org.

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

**This order is effective as of 4/24/20**