Advisory #48

Thursday, April 30, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that there were 5,083 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This represents an increase of 212 from yesterday’s count of 4,871. Earlier today the Town of Kingston was informed of 1 additional confirmed positive case of COVID-19 bringing the Town’s total number of cases to 57. Of the Town’s total number of confirmed positive cases, 29 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. Kingston’s Health Agent Arthur Boyle reported to the group that enforcement of the Board of Health’s required use of facemasks in essential businesses is going well, and that businesses who were once noncompliant have begun to embrace the order. The Kingston Police and Fire Departments ask residents not to call 9-1-1 about face covering related matters. Anyone with concerns should call the Kingston Board of Health at (781) 585-0503.

Arthur also reported to the group that the Kingston Farmers Market, having been permitted to operate as an essential business, is preparing for their first market of the season later this weekend. Accordingly, his office has received and granted requests for permits from multiple vendors. For more information about the Kingston Farmers Market’s COVID-19 protocols for customers, or the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources guidance for farmers markets during this ongoing public health crisis, please visit https://www.farmersmarketkingston.com/.

Pursuant to the Board of Selectmen’s vote of April 28, 2020 the due date for real and personal property tax bills has been extended from May 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020. Payments can be made by using the drop-box outside of the Town House, by remitting payment to the address listed on your bill, or by using the online tax payment system at https://epay.cityhallsystems.com. If you have questions regarding your real and personal property tax bills, please contact the Kingston Tax Collector’s Office at (781) 585-0507.

Tomorrow at 10:30 AM PACTV will air a live COVID-19 Update online at www.pactv.org and on Kingston’s government channels (Comcast 15 and Verizon 42). The program will feature District Attorney Tim Cruz, Town Clerk Paul Gallagher, and Town Administrator Tom Calter.

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