Advisory #83

Friday, June 12, 2020

To the Residents of Kingston,

This afternoon the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced there are 8,462 cases of COVID-19 in Plymouth County. This afternoon, the Town of Kingston was notified of 33 additional confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 bringing the Town’s total number to 127. Of the Town’s total number of confirmed positive cases, 64 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.

Today’s sharp increase in the reported number of confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the Town of Kingston was the result of the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) providing our local Board of Health with new data going back as far as six weeks. Our local Board of Health is working with the VNA to find out how this occurred so that we can avoid future delays in reporting the number of confirmed positive cases to Kingston’s residents and first responders.

These graphs are a visual companion to the numbers that we have been reporting in our advisory letters to residents.
Kingston’s Emergency Management Team met today to discuss the Town’s ongoing response to COVID-19. Kingston Police Chief Maurice Splaine raised questions regarding reimbursements through the CARES Act, which will be addressed with Finance Director Carol McCoy and Plymouth County Treasurer Tom O’Brien on Monday.

Director of Elder Affairs Paula-Rossi Clapp shared that transportation requests at the Council on Aging (COA) continue to increase as physicians begin scheduling and rescheduling patient appointments. Seniors in need of transportation services are encouraged to call (781) 585-0512 to schedule rides from the COA. Paula also shared that since the COA closed its doors to the public, her staff have delivered 3,769 meals to Kingston seniors, first responders, and essential personnel. Additionally, they have delivered 354 bags of nonperishable foods to seniors across town, generously provided by the South Shore Community Action Coalition.

Town Meeting at the Kingston Intermediate School has been postponed until Saturday, July 11th, at 9:00 AM. This decision was made last night by Moderator Janet Wallace.

Town Elections and Recall Elections will be held on June 27th from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM. As was the case with the recent Special State Senate Election, voting at the Town House will not be available. All residents from all precincts will be able to cast their ballots at the Kingston Elementary School.

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

Joshua A. Warren, Chairman
Board of Selectmen