Coronavirus Resource Guide
For Residents & Businesses

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Message from Legislator Spencer...

Dear Neighbor,

The COVID-19 pandemic has turned our lives upside down and the greater effects of this crisis have impacted all of us in numerous ways - emotionally, physically and economically. As we emerge from this crisis after months of facing a pandemic, we see that the collective social distancing efforts and sacrifices made by many have led to a flattening of the curve. With that, Governor Cuomo has authorized the Long Island Region to begin the gradual process of safely getting people back to work and resuming our lives. It will require a careful balance, but so long as we stay vigilant in keeping ourselves and our neighbors safe, we will return to a state of normalcy.

Many Suffolk residents and businesses will be coping with the effects of COVID-19 for the foreseeable future. In an effort to help constituents navigate the ever-changing landscape and the numerous support services available across multiple levels of government, my office has put together the enclosed resource guide. It is my hope that this comprehensive list can help point you in the right direction during this difficult time.

Please continue to check up on your family, friends, and neighbors, and to thank our health care workers, first responders, and essential employees on the frontlines. If you know of someone in need of support, feel free to refer him or her to my office, we are here to provide assistance.

Stay well,

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Please note...

The information and resources included below have been compiled as of August 26, 2020 and do not reflect any more recent changes. This is a living document - as we receive new information, we will be updating this guide. Please visit my website at https://www.scnylegislature.us/171/William-Spencer for the most recent version of the guide.

If you are aware of any helpful resources that you would like to contribute to this document, please email William.spencer@suffolkcountyny.gov.

Thank you
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New York Forward Plan for Reopening

Businesses in each region of New York State will re-open in phases as they meet the criteria necessary to protect public health. Re-opening refers to non-essential businesses and business activities. Essential businesses and business activities that are open will remain open.

In all phases, businesses eligible for reopening are instructed to read the guidelines for their industry, submit an affirmation, complete the safety plan and display it in their business. The guidelines and affirmation template can be found at the following links:

Phase 4: https://forward.ny.gov/phase-four-industries
Phase 3: https://forward.ny.gov/phase-three-industries
Phase 2: https://forward.ny.gov/phase-two-industries
Phase 1: https://forward.ny.gov/phase-one-industries

If guidance has not yet been published for your specific industry, but you are permitted to reopen, please refer to the NY Forward Safety Plan template.

- **Use the Empire State Development Business Reopening Look-up Tool** to determine if a business is permitted to be open and what restrictions are in place, https://www.businessexpress.ny.gov/app/nyforward.

**Fall School Reopening:** Schools may reopen if their region is in Phase 4 of reopening and if the daily infection rate remains below 5% or lower using a 14-day average. Schools will close if the regional infection rate rises above 9% using a 7-day average, after August 1st.

- New York State will make the formula determination during the week of August 1st to 7th. New York State, the Reimagine Education Advisory Council and the Department of Health released finalized guidance and guiding principles for reopening Pre-K to Grade 12 schools, which can be found here.
- The DOH and Governor's Reimagine Council are working closely with the Department of Education as it releases education guidance. Plans to reopen schools are due on July 31st.

**School Sports:** Governor Cuomo announced lower-risk, school-sponsored sports in all regions may begin to practice and play beginning September 21st. However, travel for practice or play will be prohibited outside of the school’s region or contiguous regions or counties until October 19th. Higher-risk sports, including those with full physical contact, may begin to practice on September 21st but cannot play until a later date or December 31st. Access the guidance here.

**Graduations:** Currently, in-person graduations of up to 150 people total can be held beginning June 16th. NYS DOH will continue to monitor public health data and will revise this guidance in July 2020 to reflect any changes to the restrictions on large, in-person gatherings.
Special Education: On June 5th, Governor Cuomo announced that "special education services and instruction required under Federal, state or local laws, rules, or regulations, may be provided in person for the summer term in school districts. Any district providing such services in person must follow State and Federal guidance."

Summer Day Camps can reopen on June 29th. Sports camps are permitted to open as well but can only provide individual skill-building and training -- no contact, pursuant to the day camp guidance. Any other training beyond day camp activities is not permitted. Guidelines and best practices can be found here: https://forward.ny.gov/statewide-guidelines.

Pools: Pools are permitted to be open. Municipalities can determine if they do or do not want to open their pools.

Restaurants and bars statewide will be subject to new requirements that they must only serve alcohol to people who are ordering and eating food and that all service at bar tops must only be for seated patrons who are socially distanced by six feet or separated by physical barriers. The purpose of the requirement that food be sold with alcohol is to restrict congregating and mingling that arise in a bar service/drinking only environment. Citizens who see violations or are concerned can report complaints, including photos, to the State Liquor Authority at www.sla.ny.gov.

Additional information and guidance can be found on the SLA Website, https://sla.ny.gov/guidance-requirement-licensees-premises-service-privileges-serve-food-alcoholic-beverages.

Gyms and Fitness Centers are included in “Phase 4” beginning Monday, August 24th. The Governor issued the following guidance for gyms and fitness centers:

- Capacity: 33% occupancy limit.
- Access: Sign-in with contact information and health screening required.
- PPE: Appropriate face coverings required at all times.
- Distancing: 6 feet of separation at all times.
- Hygiene/Cleaning: Cleaning and disinfection supplies made available to customers; shared equipment cleaned after every use; staff must also be available to clean and disinfect equipment in between uses; rental equipment must be cleaned and disinfected between customer use.
- Classes: By appointment/reservation only; maximum class capacity capped at number of people that can adhere to the 6-feet social distancing rules, but in no case more than 33% of the typical class size (i.e., leave stations, cycles, etc. vacant); classes should be scheduled to allow additional time for cleaning and disinfection in between each session.
- Amenities: Water bottle refill stations permitted, but not shared water fountains; communal showers are closed, but individual showers/stalls can remain open so long as they are cleaned in between use.
- Air Handling Systems: Gyms should operate at MERV-13 or greater; if they are unable to operate at that level, they must have heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) professional document their inability to do so and adopt additional ventilation and mitigation protocols from American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Inspection: Local health departments shall inspect before or within two weeks of the gym/fitness center opening to ensure compliance.
Gyms and fitness centers should be sure to read the guidance document thoroughly, submit a business affirmation, and complete the safety plan prior to reopening. To access the documents, visit https://forward.ny.gov/phase-four-industries.

**Suffolk County is Currently in Phase 4:**
On July 8th, the Long Island Region entered Phase 4 of the New York Forward Plan, which includes the industries from phases 1, 2, and 3 as well as the following industries:

- **Higher education:** including but not limited to community and junior colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools, medical schools, and technical schools.

- **Low-risk outdoor arts and entertainment:** outdoor zoos, botanical gardens, nature parks, grounds of historic sites and cultural institutions, outdoor museums, outdoor agritourism, local agricultural demonstrations and exhibitions; and other similar institutions/activities.

- **Low-risk indoor arts and entertainment:** indoor museums, historical sites, aquariums, and other related institutions or activities.

- **Media production:** “media production activities” encompass all activities undertaken in motion picture, music, television, and streaming productions on set, on location, or at any production or recording site.

- Malls can reopen if they have installed enhanced HVAC systems. Access guidelines here - www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Malls_Summary_Guidelines.pdf

- The large gathering limit has increased to 50 people and capacity for indoor religious gatherings has increased from 25% to 33%.

**Phase 3:**
On June 24th, Suffolk and Nassau Counties entered into Phase 3 of the New York Forward Plan, which includes restaurant (indoor dining) and personal care services (other than hair services).

- The large gathering limit has increases from 10 people to 25 people.

**Phase 2:**
The Long Island Region entered Phase 2 on Wednesday, June 10th, upon review by public health experts. Phase 2 includes all office-based jobs, real-estate services, retail in-store shopping, vehicle sales, and limited barbershop and hair salon services.

**Phase 1:** On Wednesday, May 27th, the Long Island Region entered Phase 1 of reopening, which permitted certain industries including construction, curbside retail and in-store pick up, manufacturing, agriculture, fishing, hunting and wholesale trade to resume business.

Outdoor, low-risk recreational activities are permitted so long as social distancing and cleaning/disinfecting measures are in place:
**COVID-19 Travel Advisory**

In response to increased rates of COVID-19 transmission in certain states within the United States, and to protect New York’s successful containment of COVID-19, the State has joined with New Jersey and Connecticut in jointly issuing a travel advisory for anyone returning from travel to states that have a significant degree of community-wide spread of COVID-19.

**Restricted States**

Based upon Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 205, issued on June 25, 2020 and subsequently, the following states meet the criteria for required quarantine:

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- California
- Florida
- Georgia
- Guam
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Oklahoma
- Puerto Rico
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Virginia
- Virgin Islands
- Wisconsin

**Important information for Travelers:**

- If you have traveled from within one of the designated states with significant community spread, you must quarantine when you enter New York for 14 days from the last travel within such designated state, provided on the date you enter into New York State that such state met the criteria for requiring such quarantine.

- The requirements of the travel advisory do not apply to any individual passing through designated states for a limited duration (i.e., less than 24 hours) through the course of travel. Examples of such brief passage include but are not limited to: stopping at rest stops for vehicles, buses, and/or trains; or lay-overs for air travel, bus travel, or train travel.

- The travel advisory requires all New Yorkers, as well as those visiting from out of state, to take personal responsibility for complying with the advisory in the best interest of public health and safety.

- **Out-of-state travelers** from the designated states with the highest infection rates must provide local authorities with contact information upon entering New York to help enforce quarantining or they’ll face a fine of up to $2,000. The DOH Traveler Form is now available electronically making it easier and more efficient to complete. Visit [https://forms.ny.gov/s3/Welcome-to-New-York-State-Traveler-Health-Form](https://forms.ny.gov/s3/Welcome-to-New-York-State-Traveler-Health-Form).

**For questions about the travel advisory,** please refer to the guidance linked here. For general inquiries contact the call the Hotline: **1-888-364-3065** or Ask a Question.

**To file a report** of an individual failing to adhere to the quarantine pursuant to the travel advisory click here or call 1-833-789-0470.
Where to Get Local Updates on the Coronavirus

- Residents with questions related to coronavirus testing and other services available can call Suffolk County’s 311 service. A live operator is available 24/7 to assist. Just dial 3-1-1.
- Sign-up to receive text updates from the County on the latest information, health guidance and other developments relating to the coronavirus. Text COVIDSUFFOLK to 67283
- New York State has launched a new email system to provide daily updates about COVID19. You can use the link below to sign up. https://now.ny.gov/page/s/coronavirus-updates

**Face Cover/Mask Requirements**

Per the Governor’s Executive Order, effective Friday, April 17th at 8:00pm - All New Yorkers over age two who can medically tolerate a face covering are required to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or face covering when in public situations where social distancing cannot be maintained - i.e. at the grocery store, when using public transit, or on a crowded street. Wearing a cloth face covering correctly can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 to others. The CDC recommends the following Do’s and Don’t’s

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**Cloth face coverings should:**

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.

For information on how to wash your mask, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wash-cloth-face-coverings.html

**Businesses are permitted to deny entry to individuals not wearing a mask or face-covering:** https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20234-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency.

**How to Make Your Own Face Covering- From the Surgeon General:**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPxlqvJgf4
CDC Sew and No Sew Instructions For Cloth Face Coverings:

CDC Recommendations - How to Wash Cloth Face Coverings:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)


PPE For Small Businesses: Small businesses, non-profit and faith-based organizations of 20 or less employees that are physically located in Suffolk County can request Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the purpose of addressing the threat to the public posed by COVID-19. PPE provided will consist of two reusable cloth face coverings per employee and one gallon of hand sanitizer per business/organization. Access the form here: https://fres.suffolkcountyny.gov/Covid19SupplyRequest/BusinessRequest.aspx.

Masks for Seniors & Those Without Access to Face Coverings: Residents in the 18th District who cannot access a face covering may send their request for a free washable mask to William.spencer@suffolkcountyny.gov or call (631) 854-4500. Please include your name, address, the number of people in your family, and the best time for delivery. Anyone in need of a face covering, who resides in Suffolk County but outside of the 18th District, can call 3-1-1 for assistance.

Residents are Encouraged to Sign-Up for Smart 911

This technology allows individuals and families to provide critical medical information to 9-1-1 operators and first responders. If you’re signed up - when you call 9-1-1, your Smart911 Safety Profile displays on the 9-1-1 screen and the call takers can view your addresses, medical information, home information, description of pets and vehicles, and emergency contacts. You can provide as much or as little information as you like. Ultimately, Smart911 gives our community the chance to be proactive, and lets us know who requires our services. enroll. Visit Smart911.com to sign up.

Coronavirus Testing

Mobile Testing

New York State DOH Testing: Now available at Stony Brook University and Jones Beach BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Suffolk residents who think they may be infected can call the NYS COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-364-3065 -- a nurse or healthcare professional will assess the situation to determine if testing is needed.
Online Screening: If you are concerned about COVID-19 and would like to take an online assessment, please access this link https://covid19screening.health.ny.gov/covid-19-screening/. If you meet the criteria, you will receive a callback from NYS to schedule a test.

Access your results at: https://www.bioreference.com/patient-portal/ or call 833-469-5227.

CityMD Urgent Care is offering free tests at all their facilities for New Yorkers without health insurance. Visit https://www.citymd.com/.

CVS Minute Clinic has multiple sites in Nassau and Suffolk offering free COVID-19 testing. Visit https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing for more information.

ProHEALTH Riverhead Drive-Thru Testing Site:
If you have COVID-19 symptoms, ProHEALTH has a dedicated hotline that patients can call at 516-874-0411 to talk to a medical professional. If your symptoms suggest testing is needed, you will be scheduled for drive-thru testing. Additional information can be found at https://www.prohealthcare.com/.

Location: 1149 Old Country Road, Riverhead, NY 11901
Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00am–5:00pm; Saturday–Sunday, 8:00am–5:00pm

RITE AID Covid-19 testing available at no cost for anyone 18+ years of age.
Rite Aid has partnered with Verily and will use its Baseline COVID-19 Program to provide screening, scheduling, and return of results to participants at Rite Aid testing sites. All Rite Aid COVID-19 testing locations utilize self-swab nasal tests overseen by Rite Aid pharmacists. At all testing locations, patients are required to provide government issued identification, be at least 18 years old, and need to pre-register online at https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing in order to schedule a time slot for testing.

Suffolk County Sites:
- Rite Aid-803 Montauk Hwy, Unit D, Shirley, NY
- Rite Aid-229 Independence Plaza, Selden, NY

COVID-19 Antibody Testing Sites:
*Please note that these tests are not free, however, most insurance plans do cover some or all of the cost of the visit, including the test. Check with your provider to determine eligibility*

CityMD (At all locations as of April 28 - CityMD Cutchogue remains closed). Visit https://www.citymd.com/ to find the location nearest you.

AFC Urgent Care: Antibody testing is performed at the West Islip location ONLY, 125 Sunrise Highway, West Islip, NY 11795. ONLY patients with NO COVID-19 symptoms can be tested. No walk-in appointments accepted. The booking portal opens at midnight for the following days appointment. Test collection is available only to patients who are asymptomatic; have been asymptomatic for at least 10 days; lack a fever and are wearing a face mask. Visit the following link to schedule an appointment: https://www.solvhealth.com/book-online/pIjVw0
**NYS Department of Health Protocol for Diagnostic Testing**

As New York State aggressively expands COVID-19 diagnostic testing capacity, the Department of Health has revised guidance to increase testing for frontline workers, including all first responders, health care workers, and essential employees who interact with the public, while continuing to prioritize resources. Testing for COVID-19 shall be authorized by a health care provider for individuals who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- An individual is symptomatic or has a history of symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g. fever, cough, and/or trouble breathing), particularly if the individual is 70 years of age or older, the individual has a compromised immune system, or the individual has an underlying health condition.
- An individual has had close (i.e. within six feet) or proximate contact with a person known to be positive with COVID-19.
- An individual is subject to a precautionary or mandatory quarantine.
- An individual is employed as a health care worker, first responder, or other essential worker who directly interacts with the public while working.
- An individual presents with a case where the facts and circumstances – as determined by the treating clinician in consultation with state or local department of health officials – warrant testing.

**COVID-19 Release Letter**

Residents who have recovered from COVID-19 and have completed their mandatory isolation/quarantine period can request a release letter from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services that shows their eligibility to return to school or work. Visit https://health.suffolkcountyny.gov/covidreleaseletters/LetterSelect.aspx to fill out the questionnaire.

Residents can also use this link to request a letter providing proof of COVID-19 positive testing and an excusal from work/school letter.

*Please note* These letters only identify your release from medical isolation or quarantine imposed by the Suffolk County Department of Health, and do not release you from any other restrictions related to covid-19 imposed by the State of New York.

**Reporting Violations**

**To Report Non-Essential Businesses Operating in Violation of Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order:**
- Call 311
- Or contact the Attorney General’s Hotline at 212-416-8700

**To File a Complaint about Essential Businesses Violating COVID 19 Protocols:**
- Email CovidConsumerAffairs@suffolkcountyny.gov with the heading CONSUMER COMPLAINT
- Include in the body of the email the name and location of the business, details of the complaint (in what way you feel the business is not complying with COVID 19 protocols).
- Consumer Affairs will investigate and provide results to Business Recovery Unit staff.
To Report Price Gouging or Scammers preying on others during this crisis, call the New York State Attorney General's consumer hotline at (800) 428-9071.

**County Departments**

- **Suffolk County Police Department**: Police precincts will remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Department asks residents not to respond in-person to a police precinct or headquarters unless critically necessary.
  - Residents can file non-emergency police reports online at the department’s website, [www.suffolkpd.org/onlinerreporting](http://www.suffolkpd.org/onlinerreporting) or call 631-852-COPS. Incidents that can be reported online or over the phone include: harassing communications, lost property, criminal mischief, non-criminal property damage, minor motor vehicle crashes, identity theft and some larcenies.
  - **In the case of an emergency, residents should call 9-1-1 and be sure to disclose all health concerns and symptoms. This will enable officers to prepare/protect themselves and the community.**
  - The Alarm Management Program will remain closed until further notice.
  - The Central Records Office is closed to the public – reports and records can be requested online or via phone at 631-852-6015

- **The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Consumer Affairs** will remain closed to visitors and customers. Staff will remain ready to help with your employment, consumer affairs, and licensing concerns. For services and information, please phone 631-853-6600 (Employment Center), 631-853-4600 (Consumer Affairs), 631-853-3820 (SWEP Suffolk Works Employment Program).

- **The Civil Service Building** will be closed to the public for the next two weeks or until further notice. Almost all transactions and general inquires can be addressed online via access to the website or by phone, 631-853-5500. Those wishing to drop material off at the building, are encouraged to use the mail instead or use the secure drop box located at the front entry door (Building 158, 725 Veterans Memorial Hwy, Smithtown, NY 1178).
  - Suffolk County Civil Service Examinations scheduled on Saturdays will be postponed. Additional information regarding re-scheduling will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

- **Suffolk County Clerk’s Office**: In-person access to building and staff will be suspended until further notice. Most services are available on-line, by mail or phone. Please visit the website at [www.suffolkcountyny.gov/clerk](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/clerk) for further details or call 631-852-2000.
  - You may email the following divisions directly for assistance:
    - recording@suffolkcountyny.gov
    - courtactions@suffolkcountyny.gov
    - businesscerts@suffolkcountyny.gov
    - maps@suffolkcountyny.gov
• **Suffolk County Parks** are open but park areas that do not allow for social distancing are closed, including: park offices, playgrounds, dog parks, and restrooms, and marinas. ALL visitors of County parks should practice social distancing and good hygiene to protect yourself and others.

  o **Permits and Green Keys** can be purchased via email at SCParks@suffolkcountyny.gov. Email a picture of your driver’s license, registration, and green key (if you have one. If you do not, you will need to provide another proof of residency - see list here). Staff will process the permit and post the balance owed to your online account. Once you login and pay your account online, staff will mail your permit to you. Please allow 4 to 7 days for processing.

  o **Suffolk County campgrounds** will open June 1st for those with existing reservations. While campgrounds are open there will be additional precautions taken, visit the camping page [HERE](#) for more information on camping guidelines. Now accepting new reservations

  o **Suffolk County Beaches**: Smith Point and Cupsogue are open to Suffolk County Residents Only - Lifeguards are on duty 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Please have your Green Key or Driver’s License ready upon entry to the toll booth
    ▪ Meschutt Beach and Parking Lot Closed.

  o **Suffolk County Golf Courses are open** and are following NYS guidelines, which include but are not limited to staggered tee times, double carts limited to same household, and golfers wearing face coverings. Visit each course website for more information

  o **Marinas and Boat Ramps** are open. Please note that certain facilities and areas that do not allow visitors to maintain social distancing, may be closed. Because of this, all public restrooms, showers and the gas docks are closed until further notice. In addition, please no picnicking or use of park BBQ’s.

• **The Traffic and Parking Violations Agency (TPVA)** will be closed until further notice. The Boot & Tow Program will be suspended during this time as well. Any hearing or trials currently scheduled will be automatically adjourned to a later date. No additional fees or penalties will be assessed for any automatic adjournments.

• All **Suffolk County District Courts** are closed. No eviction orders shall be signed or executed. No default judgments shall be granted.

**New York State Contact Tracing Job Opportunities**

**Contact Tracers**

Responsibilities: Reach out to the contacts of anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 to assess symptoms, ensure compliance with quarantine and determine social support needs. Link to apply: [https://careers-pcgus.icims.com/jobs/5244/contact-tracer/job?mobile=false&width=1140&height=500&bga=true&needsRedirect=false&jan1offset=-300&jun1offset=-240](https://careers-pcgus.icims.com/jobs/5244/contact-tracer/job?mobile=false&width=1140&height=500&bga=true&needsRedirect=false&jan1offset=-300&jun1offset=-240)
Team Supervisors
Responsibilities: Lead a team of 20 Contact Tracers, and one Community Support Specialist who are working remotely using digital tools. Link to apply: https://careers-pcgus.icims.com/jobs/5245/team-supervisor/job

Community Support Specialists
Work with the team to address the support needs of those who are contacts, especially those who are under Isolation or Quarantine. Link to apply: https://careers-pcgus.icims.com/jobs/5246/community-support-specialist/job

Economic Mitigation Measures for the Devastating Impacts of the Coronavirus

Resources for Businesses

NYS Guidance on Workforce Reduction. Determine if your business essential or non-essential: https://esd.ny.gov/guidance-executive-order-2026

- **Guidance on Face Coverings For Essential Workers Per the Governor’s Executive Order:** For all essential businesses or entities, any employees who are present in the workplace shall be provided and shall wear face coverings when in direct contact with customers or members of the public. Businesses must provide, at their expense, such face coverings for their employees. This provision may be enforced by local governments or local law enforcement as if it were an order pursuant to section 12 or 12-b of the Public Health Law. **This requirement shall be effective Wednesday, April 15 at 8:00pm.**

To Request Designation as an Essential Business, visit: https://esd.ny.gov/content/request-designation-essential-business-purposes-executive-order-2026


Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act
Measures included in the Stimulus Bill For Small Businesses Impacted

**Paycheck Protection Program (PPP):** The CARES Act provided $350 billion to create a new loan product within the Small Business Administration 7(a) Loan Program. *Available until August 8, 2020*

- Businesses, 501(c)(3)s, and 501(c)(19)s, with less than 500 employees will be eligible for this loan. Additionally, sole proprietors, independent contractors and self-employed individuals will also be eligible. Small businesses in the hospitality and food industry with more than one location could also be eligible at the store and location level if the store employs less than 500 workers. If your franchisor appears in the SBA’s National Franchise Directory, assistance will extend down to the franchise of the store or location level.

- The loan will be **100% guaranteed by the SBA and have an interest rate of 4%.**
The new loan will be able to **cover payroll costs**, including costs related to the continuation of group healthcare benefits during periods of paid sick, medical or family leave, and insurance premiums, employee salaries, commissions or similar compensations.

It will also be able to cover payments of **interest on a mortgage obligation, rent, utilities and interest on any other debt obligations** that were incurred before February 15, 2020.

The maximum loan amount will be **lesser of $10 million or 2.5 times the average monthly payroll** based on the prior year’s payroll.

The loan forgiveness program will also provide flexibility for businesses that re-hire workers that were previously laid off.

Businesses can apply for and receive both an **Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and a Paycheck Protection Program Loan (PPP)** so long as they go towards **different things**. For example, a business can receive an EIDL for working capital and a PPP for payroll assistance.


**How to Apply:** Businesses can call their current bank or lender directly to inquire about applying. Banks are just beginning to accept applications, so calling now to indicate your interest can help speed along the process for you. Find a lender: [https://www.sba.gov/paycheckprotection/find](https://www.sba.gov/paycheckprotection/find).

**Loan Forgiveness Under the Paycheck Protection Program:**
The loan forgiveness tool allows business that maintain payroll continuity from February 15, 2020 to August 8, 2020 as defined by headcount, to request forgiveness on a Paycheck Protection loan used on payroll costs, mortgage interest, rent and utility pay over an 8-week period.

- The amount forgiven will be reduced proportionally by any reduction in employees retained compared to the prior year and reduced by the reduction in pay of any employee beyond 25% of their prior year compensation.

Employers are eligible for a 50% refundable payroll tax credits on wages paid up to $10,000 during the crisis.

- Eligible firms include those whose businesses have been disrupted due to virus-related shutdowns **and for businesses with declines of 50% or more in gross receipts when compared receipts from the same quarter last year**.

- The credit is available for employees retained but not currently working due to the crisis for firms with more than 100 employees, and for all employee wages for firms with 100 or fewer employees.

**Payments for Employer Social Security Payroll Tax are Delayed:**

- Payments previously due on December 31st, 2020 can now be paid 50% by December 31st, 2021 and 50% by December 31st, 2022.

**Small Business Economic Injury Disaster Loans:** New York State submitted its application to the Federal Government for Emergency Disaster Assistance and Declaration and the SBA loans application process is
open. Small business owners can now apply for a long-term, low-interest loan due to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program provides working capital loans of up to $2 million that can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing. The loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, or other bills that can’t be paid because of the COVID-19 outbreak. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses without credit available elsewhere, and 2.75% for non-profit organizations. The maximum term is 30 years.


**Additional Resources**

**New York State Opened Pre-Applications For The New York Forward Loan Fund:** Loans are available to small businesses and nonprofits with 20 of fewer full-time equivalent employees, and small landlords in New York State that did not receive a loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans for COVID-19 in 2020.

- For more information, including eligibility requirements, loan terms, and how to apply, visit [https://www.connect2capital.com/partners/new-york-forward-loan-fund/business-requirements/](https://www.connect2capital.com/partners/new-york-forward-loan-fund/business-requirements/).

**Stony Brook Small Business Development Center** is helping businesses navigate the SBA’s Disaster Assistance Options. A Business Advisor will help you through the abundance of resources available for your particular business/industry and to avoid the most common mistakes of incomplete or inaccurate Economic Injury Disaster Assistance Loan application. **Schedule an appointment online at** [http://nysbdc.org/appointment.html](http://nysbdc.org/appointment.html)

**Online Technology Enhancement Assistance For Businesses:** The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Stony Brook University has partnered with Suffolk County Forward Program and Stony Brook University Colleges of Business and Engineering to assist Suffolk County small business owners with enhancing their online technology capabilities. The program will assess small businesses' current technology, pinpoint needs, and assist in developing solutions, including but not limited to:

- Setting Up Contactless and Remote Payments
- Ensuring Websites are Mobile Friendly
- Managing Delivery Orders From Multiple Delivery Services

For more information, visit [https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/sbdc/index.php](https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/sbdc/index.php).

To participate in this FREE program, request a virtual appointment at [https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/business/about/_COV19-for-Business/](https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/business/about/_COV19-for-Business/).
The SBDC is also offering virtual workshops to help businesses as they adapt during this time of economic uncertainty. To access a list of upcoming workshops and to register, visit https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/sbdc/events/index.php.

Town of Huntington Business Reopening Resource Page: Businesses can find information on how to obtain permits for temporary outdoor dining on sidewalks, construction permits, sidewalk sales, as well as other guidance and information to assist in the reopening process and help accelerate the local economic recovery. Visit www.huntingtonny.gov/reopening.

New York State Work Share Program where employers can reduce hours and employees can file for unemployment to make up the difference - https://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/employerinfo/shared-work-program.shtm

- Shared Work lets employers keep trained staff and avoid layoffs. Employees can receive partial Unemployment Insurance benefits while working reduced hours. Full-time, part-time and seasonal employees are eligible. Fact sheet for employers.

- To take part in the Shared Work Program, you must first design a Shared Work plan. Complete an application online through secure UI Online Services on your Employer Information page. Applying online will provide more accurate information and a quicker response by email.

Your Shared Work Plan Must:
- Reduce work hours and corresponding wages 20 - 60%
- Apply to employees who normally work no more than 40 hours per week
- Not reduce or eliminate fringe benefits unless fringe benefits are also being reduced or eliminated for the entire work force
- Not extend beyond 53 weeks (when nearing the end of the plan, you may submit a request for a new plan)
- Replace a layoff of an equal percentage of employees

The Suffolk County Business Recovery Unit: serves as a one-stop for business questions and resources related to impacts as a result of COVID-19 and a data collection agency for economic and workforce impacts.

- Dial 3-1-1, option 2

- Access guidance on a range of topics including health protocols, information resources, employer response planning and documenting economic injuries as a result of COVID-19: https://suffolkcountyny.gov/Portals/0/formsdocs/ecodev/COVID19BusinessResponsePlan.pdf

State Sales Tax: Sales tax payments and returns were due March 20, 2020; however, penalty and interest may be waived for quarterly and annual filers who were unable to file or pay on time due to COVID-19. Visit, https://www.tax.ny.gov/press/alerts/sales-tax-relief-for-covid-19.htm.
**Huntington Chamber:** In an effort to support local businesses during these uncertain times, the Huntington Chamber created a page to share promotions: [https://huntingtonchamber.com/chamber-community-resource-page/](https://huntingtonchamber.com/chamber-community-resource-page/). Chamber members can email their promotions to leanne@huntingtonchamber.com to be posted on the page.

**Parking Meters:** As of June 24, metered parking in Huntington Village has resumed. To avoid touching parking meters, the Town of Huntington advises patrons to use the Passport Parking App. Parking can be paid for online or through the iOS or Android Passport Parking App. For more details, visit [https://www.huntingtonny.gov/parking-app](https://www.huntingtonny.gov/parking-app).

**Apply for a Small Business Temporary Parking Permit online:** Businesses in the Huntington Village Business District may temporarily reserve up to three (3) metered parking spaces in front of their establishments to facilitate curbside pick-up and delivery vehicle parking only. The temporary parking permit allows exclusive use of the metered parking spot by the business and must be renewed monthly. Visit [https://www.huntingtonny.gov/small-business-parking](https://www.huntingtonny.gov/small-business-parking).

**Support for Residents**

**Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act**

**Measures included in the Stimulus Bill For Residents Impacted**

**One Time 2020 Coronavirus Rebate:** Some taxpayers will be eligible for direct payment assistance. Most adults will get $1,200, although some will get less. It depends on your income and your most recent tax filing.

- $1,200 – Single adults with adjusted gross income of $75,000 or less.
- $2,400 - Married couples with no children earning $150,000 or less; $500 for every qualifying child age 16 or under.
- $1,200 - Head of household with earned income of $112,500 or less.
- You can’t get a payment if someone claims you as a dependent, even if you’re an adult.
- The payment decreases for earners above those income figures until it stops altogether for single people earning $99,000; head of household filers with one child earning more than $146,500; and married people with no children earning $198,000.
- Payment is likely within weeks for those who have received tax refunds via direct deposit since 2018. The IRS will initiate direct deposits based on the banking information on file. For those who don’t have bank account information on file with the IRS will send you a physical check which may take longer to receive.
- [Forbes Stimulus Check Calculator](https://www.forbes.com/sites/youngmoney/2020/04/01/stimulus-check-calculator-how-much-youll-get/)
**Expanded Unemployment Insurance:**

- The Act provides enhanced Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for New Yorkers.
  - **Those in need can conveniently apply online at:** https://applications.labor.ny.gov/IndividualReg/
  - **Step-by-step guide on how to apply for unemployment benefits:**
- Unemployment benefits will be extended from the usual 26 weeks to 39 weeks. The Federal government will fund 13 weeks of unemployment benefits through December 31, 2020 after workers have run out of State unemployment benefits.
- Unemployment insurance provisions now include an additional $600 per week payment to each recipient until July 26, 2020.
- Those who are traditionally ineligible for unemployment such as self-employed workers, independent contractors, gig workers, and those with limited work history, will receive some assistance.

**Student Loan Payments:**

- Student Loan borrowers can put off paying *Federal* student loan payments without penalty for 6 months - until September 30th.
- Payments are suspended without interest, and collection on defaulted debts, including garnishment has been suspended.
- This does not affect borrowers who seek loan forgiveness after 10 years.
- This bill does not forgive any existing student debt.
- Private loans, and some federal loans disbursed prior to 2008 are not included.
- In 2020, Employers may pay $5,250 of an employee’s student loan obligation on a tax-free basis.

**Retirement Fund Use:**

- Those taking Coronavirus-related withdrawals from retirement plans can withdraw up to $100,000 this year without the usual 10% penalty, as long as a result of the outbreak.
  - Income taxes owed can be spread out over three years from the date of distribution, and the account holder is permitted to put the money back into the account within the three-year period, even though normal rules may preclude making a contribution of that size.
- To qualify for coronavirus-related withdrawals: You, your spouse, or dependent must have tested positive or experienced a variety of other negative economic consequences related to the pandemic.
• For the 2020 calendar year, no one will be required to take a required minimum distribution from any individual retirement accounts or workplace retirement savings plans, like a 401(k).

• **Individuals borrowing from their 401(k) or other workplace retirement plan** can take out twice the usual amount, up to $100,000.
  - This is available for 180 days after the bill passes, with certification that you’ve been affected by the pandemic
  - Usually you can’t take out more than half your balance, but that rule is suspended.
  - Any outstanding loans which were supposed to be repaid by December 31, 2020 can be delayed by one year.

**Charitable Contributions:**

- Individuals will be able to donate up to $300 to charity in addition to their standard deduction. This will not require itemization.

**Applying For Unemployment Through New York State**

The **7-Day waiting period for Unemployment Insurance Benefits has been waived** for people who are out of work due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) closures. Applicants can file online on a rolling basis. If calling, applicants should apply according to the schedule below based on the first letter of their last name (alphabetical order). Filing later in the week does not delay payments or affect the date of an individual’s claim. All claims are effective on the Monday of the week in which they are filed. **Telephone applicants can call:** (888) 209-8124

**Please have the following information on hand before filing your claim:** Name, contact information, social security number, driver’s license information, your last W-2, and your bank account/routing number (if you want direct deposit).

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File on the day your last names begins with:

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Missed your filing day?
File on Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

*Please note* - The NYS DOL is experiencing an unprecedented volume of calls. The most efficient way for residents to file a claim is via the DOL website (https://applications.labor.ny.gov/IndividualReg/). Approximately 80% of applicants can complete the required forms there, without having to call the center. **If you have been instructed to call the DOL Telephone Claims Center to complete your filing, you no longer need to call. A representative from the NYS DOL will call you back within 72 hours.**
• Protecting your private information is critically important. ANYONE calling from NYS DOL will verify their identity by providing: (a) the date you filed your Unemployment Insurance application; and (b) the type of claim you filed.

The Department is backdating all claims. Filing later in the week will not delay payments or affect the date of an individual’s claim. Individual’s checks will be retroactive to the first day that they are out of work, and the 7-day waiting period has been waived. Rest assured, regardless of when you are able to speak to a representative, you will be paid back to the date of the last day of your employment.

Bills

PSEG-Long Island: The utility requests that customers experiencing financial difficulty as a result of issues related to the virus, contact PSEG Long Island via My Account at www.psegliny.com/myaccount or by calling 800-490-0025 to enter into a deferred payment arrangement.

National Grid: Collection activities and disconnections have been temporarily suspended to lessen any financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Anyone struggling with paying their bill should contact National Grid as soon as possible to discuss relief options. For more information, visit https://www.nationalgridus.com/Long-Island-NY-Home/Bill-Help/Help-Making-Payments.

Verizon: Verizon has announced they will continue to work with customers impacted by COVID-19 to provide the best financial options available now and moving forward. Contact your carrier directly to find out what assistance may be available.

Internet Access: AlticeUSA is helping low-income students, seniors and veterans stay connected during this unprecedented time for a discounted price through their Altice Advantage Internet Program. You may qualify if you or a member of your household is: eligible for or participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP); is eligible for or receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and is 65 years of age or older; or a veteran and receive state or federal public assistance. Visit the Altice Advantage Internet website for details on how to sign up: https://www.alticeadvantageinternet.com/

Medical/Student Loan Debt: Governor Cuomo and Attorney General Letitia James announced that — effective immediately — the state will temporarily halt the collection of medical and student debt owed to the State of New York and referred to the Office of the Attorney General for collection. This is expected through September 4, 2020. *No application is necessary for medical and student debt* https://ag.ny.gov/covid-19-debt-suspension-application

Other Debts Owed to a NYS Agency: Residents who owe a debt to a New York State agency that has been referred to the Office of the Attorney General can request temporary debt relief. To apply, fill out this
online form. Individuals that are unable to fill out the online form can call the OAG hotline at (800) 771-7755.

**DMV Transactions:** Limited in-person transactions are now permitted by reservation ONLY – visit [https://dmv.ny.gov/dmv/dmv-office-locations#S](https://dmv.ny.gov/dmv/dmv-office-locations#S). Vehicle registrations and other transactions should be processed by mail and drop box. Passenger, motorcycle and commercial road tests have resumed in all regions that have reopened - road tests will be conducted with strict safety requirements in place.

All driver licenses, non-driver identification cards and vehicle registrations that expired March 1, 2020 or after and vehicle inspections that expired March 31 or after will continue to be extended. In addition, the Federal REAL ID enforcement deadline has been extended until October 1, 2021.

Many transactions can be completed online, visit the DMV website at [http://www.dmv.ny.gov](http://www.dmv.ny.gov).

**Credit Cards:** Many credit card companies are amending their policies to assist customers experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. If you are having difficulty paying your bill, contact your creditor directly to determine if there are relief options available and if you qualify for assistance. For details on steps being taken by some of the major credit card companies, visit: [https://www.forbes.com/sites/advisor/2020/04/03/list-of-banks-offering-relief-to-customers-affected-by-coronavirus-covid-19/#34e399834efa](https://www.forbes.com/sites/advisor/2020/04/03/list-of-banks-offering-relief-to-customers-affected-by-coronavirus-covid-19/#34e399834efa)

**Financial Assistance**

**EOC of Suffolk COVID-19 Emergency Financial Assistance:** Through funding from the Federal Community Service Block Grant program, the Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk is offering financial assistance to individuals and families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Financial hardships/need include mortgage assistance, rental assistance, help with utility bills, food costs, transportation, funeral costs, medical expenses, etc. Applicants household income must not exceed 200% of poverty guidelines. For more information on how to apply, contact Halim Kaygisiz via email at hkaygisiz@eoc-suffolk.com or by phone at 631-241-2119. Visit [https://eoc-suffolk.com/](https://eoc-suffolk.com/) for more information.


- **Note:** Those quarantined and working from home, do not qualify for emergency paid sick leave.

Some people may be eligible for additional leave under NYS Paid Family Leave and disability benefits. Visit, [https://paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/COVID19](https://paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/COVID19)

Taxes

**Federal and State Income Tax:** Under the federal emergency, to address the coronavirus pandemic, all taxpayers and businesses will have 90 more days — until July 15 — to file and pay their taxes.

**Property Taxes:** Per the Governor’s Executive Order — the deadline for paying taxes was extended by 21 days, without interest or penalty — **Due date is June 21, 2020.**

- Taxes paid after June 1st must be remitted and made out to the Suffolk County Comptroller.

  - Mail-in payments should be sent to the address of Suffolk County Comptroller, 330 Center Drive, Riverhead, NY 11901

  - Visit PayMySuffolkTaxes.com for more information.

**Property Tax Exemptions:** The Town of Huntington has extended the deadline for residents to apply for and renew property tax exemptions to **July 15th for the 2020/2021 tax year only.** Residents with questions may contact the Assessor’s Office at (631) 351-3226 or AssessorInfo@huntingtonny.gov Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Housing

**Eviction proceedings and pending eviction orders** were suspended statewide March 16, 2020 - per a memo from New York’s Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Malks. On March 20th, Governor Cuomo also announced a 90-day moratorium on any residential or commercial evictions. On May 7th, the Governor announced that **the halt on COVID-related evictions has been extended until September 20th.** The state also banned late payment fees for missed rent payments during the eviction moratorium and will allow renters to use security deposits as payment.

**If you believe your landlord is violating housing laws, please report it to the Attorney General’s Office:**
Call 800-771-7755 or visit https://ag.ny.gov/coronavirus#housingrights

**Mortgage Help:** New York State has directed banks to waive mortgage payments for 90 days for those facing financial hardship in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. The 90 days constitutes a grace period, and those who participate would still owe the payments which would be added on to the end of their loan. This would not impact credit scores and banks will also be required to waive fees associated with late payments or overdrafts. Eligibility for waived payments is based on financial hardship. **Please note that you have to contact your lender directly to request this assistance.**

The NYS Department of Financial Services has mandated that institutions must work with borrowers and provide borrowers with the option to spread out the deferred debt throughout the life of the loan. They cannot require a lump sum payment of the amount deferred through the 90-day period.

**Emergency Housing Through Suffolk County Department of Social Services:** Call 631-854-9936 during normal business hours. After 4:30pm or on weekends or holidays, call Emergency Services at 631-854-9100.
**Long Island Housing Partnership:** Housing counselors are available to provide first-time homebuyer counseling and foreclosure and mortgage counseling throughout the current crisis. Opportunities for first time home buyers and renters are still available, and applications are being processed. Staff are working remotely, and operations will be slightly different as social distancing requires services to be offered by phone or video conferencing. For information, visit [www.lihp.org](http://www.lihp.org) or contact [info@lihp.org](mailto:info@lihp.org).

**Child Care for Essential Workers**

**SCOPE Emergency Child Care Programs:** Is available to the children of first responders, medical service providers, transit workers and where space permits, other essential workers. Enrollment is on a first come first serve basis and enrollment may be limited based on space and/or staffing. Children must be school age Pre-K (must have turned 4 by 12/1/2019)-Grade 6. Priority will be given to the families of the school district in which the program is held.

- **Days/Hours of Operation:** Program will be open Monday – Friday. From 7:00 A.M. – 6:30 P.M.
- **Registration** information can be found online at [www.scopeonline.us](http://www.scopeonline.us). Click on the red button for Emergency Child Care. Children must be registered online prior to attending. Once registration is complete, you will receive a notification by email. Children may not attend the program until all information is completed and your registration is confirmed. A list of participating school districts and locations can be found below. If your school district has selected to participate in the SCOPE Emergency Child Care Program, tuition is free.

- **Priority will be given to the families of the school district in which the program is held.**
  - Babylon School District -- Babylon Elementary School
  - Commack School District -- Sawmill Intermediate School
  - Connetquot School District – Cherokee Street Elementary School
  - Harborfields School Districts – Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School
  - Hauppauge School District -- Pines Elementary School
  - Huntington School District -- Jefferson Primary School
  - Lindenhurst School District -- Albany Avenue Elementary School
  - Middle Country School District – Jericho Elementary School
  - Miller Place School District -- Andrew Muller Primary School
  - Northport School District -- Pulaski Road Elementary School
  - Sachem School District-- Nokomis School Elementary School

**Child Care Council of Suffolk Hotline:** Essential workers, including health care workers, first responders, grocery and pharmacy employees, and others who are critical to keeping our essential supports operational, can call for assistance in finding child care - 646-926-3784.

**Health Insurance**

**The NY State of Health Marketplace** has been reopened for a special enrollment period to ease COVID-19 concerns through September 15th. Uninsured individuals can visit [nystateofhealth.ny.gov](http://nystateofhealth.ny.gov) or call 800-453-4666 to apply for health insurance coverage.
The Health and Welfare Council of Long Island is helping uninsured residents enroll in health insurance through the NYS Marketplace. Staff is available to assist community members by phone in English, Spanish and Haitian-Creole – Call (516) 505-4426.

Cost Sharing Waived: Governor Cuomo has directed health insurers to waive cost sharing associated with testing for coronavirus, including emergency room, urgent care, and office visits. New Yorkers receiving Medicaid coverage will not be expected to pay a co-pay for any testing related to COVID-19.

Medicare: Medicare covers the lab tests for COVID-19 – with no out-of-pocket cost to patients, and all medically necessary hospitalizations. At this time, there is no vaccine for COVID-19. However, if one becomes available, it will be covered by all Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Part D).

Cost Sharing Waived:

Medicare Advantage and Part D Plans have been directed to:
- Waive cost sharing for COVID-19 tests.
- Waive cost sharing for COVID-19 treatments in doctor’s offices or emergency rooms and services delivered via telehealth.
- Remove prior-authorizations requirements
- Waive prescription refill limits.
- Relax restrictions on home or mail delivery of prescriptions.

Resources for Expectant Mothers and Families with Newborns:

Pregnancy and COVID-19 Resources for Pregnant People and their Families:

CDC Guidance for Families who are expecting or who have newborns during this time:

Assistance for Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders - The Postpartum Resource Center of New York: Provides free and confidential emotional support, educational information, and healthcare resources. Many new online support group and telehealth and phone treatment options are available, for moms to be, moms and families.
- The toll-free Helpline and Moms on Call Telephone Support continues to be available
  - Call the State-wide Toll-free Helpline at 1-855-631-0001
  - Or visit https://postpartumny.org/

Mental Health

Response Crisis Hotline Available 24/7/365: Anyone in crisis, in need of support or resources, or feeling suicidal can call the crisis hotline for help- Call (631) 751-7500.


The Association for Mental Health & Wellness’s Mental Health Helpline: Available to residents who require help finding and accessing assistance for themselves, a friend, or a family member. Call 631-226-3900 or email helpline@mhaw.org.

Get Free Meditation and Mindfulness Resources: https://www.headspace.com/ny

Disaster Distress Helpline: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s Helpline provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to people experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters. This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all residents in the United States and its territories. Stress, anxiety, and other depression-like symptoms are common reactions after a disaster. https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline

- Call 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor. When you call or text the Helpline, crisis counselors will listen to what’s on your mind with patience and without judgment. The Helpline is staffed by trained counselors from a network of crisis call centers located across the United States.

- Services are also available in Spanish - Call 1-800-985-5990 and press "2". From the 50 States, text Hablanos to 66746.

The Long Island Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence (LICADD) is currently offering telehealth services. Call the 24 Hour hotline at 631-979-1700.

VIBS - Domestic Violence Help: All VIBS services are currently being offered remotely with the safety and well-being of staff and clients being the top priority. VIBS staff are ready and willing to assist. Services available include: counseling, advocacy, legal services and community education/outreach. In addition, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) and rape crisis counselors (RCC) continue to assist victims of rape/sexual assault. If you need assistance, please call (631) 360-3730 OR email reception@vibs.org. The 24/7 crisis hotline is available at (631) 360-3606. Please check http://www.vibs.org/ for updates, resources and information.

L.I. Against Domestic Violence: Is working to ensure that survivors of abuse know that social distancing and isolation does not mean you are alone. All non-residential programs are operating remotely, and the shelter is open. Contact the LIADV Hotline for free, confidential assistance with obtaining an order of protection, gaining access to the shelter, safety planning and any other questions or concerns you may have. LIADV Hotline 24 Hour Hotline – 631-666-8833

The Alzheimer’s Foundation of America (AFA) is working remotely to provide help to those with Alzheimer’s and their caregivers during this very isolating time.
Help is available 7-days a week through the AFA Helpline at **1-866-232-8484**. Licensed Social Workers staff the helpline on weekdays from 9:00am to 9:00pm and on weekends from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Daily therapeutic programs are available online through AFA’s Facebook page, including art, music, dance, exercise and yoga. Visit [www.facebook.com/AlzheimersFoundationofAmerica/](http://www.facebook.com/AlzheimersFoundationofAmerica/). Access a schedule of upcoming programs, here: [https://alzfdn.org/coronavirus/](https://alzfdn.org/coronavirus/)

**Veterans**

**Veterans Crisis Line:** 1-800-273-8255 - press 1.

**Legal Assistance**

**Touro Law Helpline:** Touro Law has established a helpline to answer legal questions arising from the pandemic. The helpline will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Students and volunteer attorneys will provide community members with free assistance or referrals on a myriad of issues including landlord-tenant, civil liberties, bankruptcy, employee rights, unemployment, stimulus payment, insurance and more. **Complete the intake form here:** [https://www.tourolaw.edu/AboutTouroLaw/TLCResponse](https://www.tourolaw.edu/AboutTouroLaw/TLCResponse) and someone will be in touch with you shortly.

**NYSDOH Nursing Home Complaint Process**

The New York State Department of Health, Division of Nursing Home and ICF/IID Surveillance is responsible for investigating complaints about resident abuse, neglect, mistreatment and incidents occurring in nursing homes in New York State that are related to a State and/or Federal regulatory violation.

Anyone can file a complaint against a Nursing Home. All complaints are confidential and can be made anonymously. Due to HIPPA regulations, the department is restricted from releasing patient protected information regarding a complaint case. It is advisable to have one designated representative when filing a complaint on behalf of the family or a group of individuals since only the person who files the complaint will receive correspondences from the Nursing Home Complaint Program.

**You may submit this form multiple ways:**

- Call the Nursing Home Complaint Hotline at 1-888-201-4563
- Fill out the online Nursing Home Complaint Form located here: [https://apps.health.ny.gov/surveyd8/nursing-home-complaint-form](https://apps.health.ny.gov/surveyd8/nursing-home-complaint-form)
- Fax the Complaint form: 518-408-1157

Complaints will be accepted if the occurrence is within the past year of the submission of your complaint to the NYS Department of Health. In order to process your complaint in a timely manner, please:

- Type or Print clearly
- Complete form in its entirety, including your contact information
• Include any names and phone numbers with whom you have already filed a complaint with.
• Attach copies of paper materials that support your concern (No originals please)

All complaints received about nursing homes are reviewed by the Department through the Centralized Complaint Intake Unit and appropriate action is taken. If you choose to provide your contact information, the Centralized Complaint Intake Unit will send you a letter which will acknowledge receipt of your complaint and provide information regarding how your complaint will be handled.

Should you have questions, please contact the Centralized Complaint Intake Program at 1-888-201-4563, Monday through Friday 8:30am - 4:45pm, excluding holidays.

*** This form is for Nursing Home complaints only. Complaints about Adult homes and Assisted Living facilities can be reported to the intake program at: 1 866 893 6772 ***

Public Transportation

MTA/LIRR Updates: https://new.mta.info/precautions-against-coronavirus

Suffolk County Transit: https://www.sct-bus.org/
• Riders are encouraged to go cashless to protect themselves and others: download the Suffolk FastFare Mobile App to purchase tickets anytime, anywhere.
• Suffolk County Transit has resumed front door boarding and fare collection on all buses.
• Pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order, face coverings must be worn when onboard the bus.

HART BUS (Huntington Area Rapid Transit: https://huntingtonny.gov/hart.

Resources for Job Seekers

Suffolk County Forward - Virtual Career & Talent Portal: To help business owners and residents as we begin to reopen the economy, the Department of Labor has created a virtual career and talent portal – a One Stop Shop” that connects jobseekers and employers.

For Jobseekers
• Research the local job market - in demand careers, occupations, skills, industries that are hiring.
• View local job opportunities – features all posts that employers make on other sites for local jobs in one place as well as links to apply.
• Virtual Job Matching & Skills Gap Analysis – enables jobseekers to see how their skills and experience match with employer job requirements, identify gaps and connect with potential training opportunities.
• Build resumes and cover letters specific to their job search.
• 24-hour Veterans Hold – vets have first priority to apply for all jobs.

For Employers
• Connect with local job seekers, search resumes.
• Post specific targeted opportunities – Virtual Career & Talent Center includes job postings that employers put on their website or Indeed (no need to duplicate efforts). In addition, companies can develop separate job postings to target specific opportunities and search resumes from Suffolk County jobseekers that post them on the site.
• View local job market landscape to compare roles, responsibilities and pay rates.

**Emerging Workforce & Educators**
• Students can research skills, educational credentials and careers locally to help determine their post-secondary education/training path and inform work experience/internship choices.
• Educators, Work-Based Learning Coordinators, Guidance Counselors can research industry skills and educational requirements to design experiential learning that further strengthens the classroom to career connection.

**Visit the following links for more information:**
- Suffolk County Career & Talent Portal scnyforward.info
- Suffolk County Business Reopening Management/Complaint Portal suffolkcountyny.gov/scnyforward

**New York State Department of Labor – Jobs Express Website:** Currently, more than 12,500 jobs are available in a number of different fields from businesses looking to hire immediately. [https://www.labor.ny.gov/jobs/regional.shtm](https://www.labor.ny.gov/jobs/regional.shtm)

**Food Services**

**Free Meal Pick Up for Those in Need (While Supplies Last)**

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<td>At Huntington Assembly of God 1700 New York Avenue, Huntington Station</td>
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**Grocery Delivery/Pick-Up:**
Many area grocery stores are offering deliveries or curbside pick-up. Call or visit them online for more details. Availability and delivery fee may vary.
• IGA in East Northport: 631-368-1661
• Pat’s Marketplace in East Northport: 631-446-1616
• Shop Rite: [https://shop.shoprite.com/globaldata/banner-pages/shoprite-from-home](https://shop.shoprite.com/globaldata/banner-pages/shoprite-from-home)
• Costco: https://www.costco.com/my-life-costco-grocery-online-delivery.html
• C-Town: https://www.ctownfarmersmarket.com/shop/home
• Aldi: https://shop.aldi.us/
• Walmart: https://grocery.walmart.com/
• Peapod by Stop & Shop: https://www.peapod.com/
• LIDL, Best Market, and Target Require a Shipt Account to deliver and there is a $49 fee to join - https://www.shipt.com/

Social Services

_Suffolk County DSS - South West Center_
2 South 2nd Street, Deer Park, NY 11729
**The number to call for Food Stamps or Temporary Assistance is 631-854-1802**

- In response to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the declaration of a State disaster, Temporary Assistance applications and re-certifications can be submitted by mail (instead of going to a center). Eligibility Interviews and Recertification Interviews may be conducted by phone. The department has made every effort to contact anyone with a scheduled appointment and will have that interview conducted on the same date and time by telephone.

- Consumers applying for emergencies may be interviewed by phone, however they will still need to provide documentation of the emergency need so that the department can make an accurate assessment and determine the assistance necessary to meet the need.

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) applications and re-certifications can be submitted electronically at mybenefits.ny.gov or by mail (instead of coming to a center). SNAP application and recertification interviews will be done by phone.

- **Additionally, SNAP benefits can be used for online grocery purchases at certain stores.** Current participating retailers include Amazon, Walmart and ShopRite. Amazon is available statewide; Walmart and ShopRite participate in specific zip codes. Walmart, depending on specific locations, offers delivery, pick-up or both. Clients can enter zip code on the Walmart or ShopRite websites to find availability.

School District Feeding Programs

Many of our local school districts provide breakfast/lunch for families in need in the community. Details regarding programs within the 18th Legislative District are below. Contact your school district with questions.

**Huntington**
The district will not be offering curbside meal distribution through the summer, but has compiled a comprehensive list of resources available for families in need – see below.

**Harborfields**
The program will not be running during the summer months.
Northport-East Northport
The Child Nutrition Department is not providing breakfast/lunch during the summer, but a list of resources is available for families here: http://northport.k12.ny.us/NewsAssets/118222/Parent_Memo_COVID-19_food_service_2.pdf.

Additionally, the Northport High School Food Pantry is open, Mondays from 10:00am-12:00pm. Northport High School – 154 Laurel Hill Road – Northport, NY 11768
Food Pantries - Please call ahead to ensure that hours have not changed.

Helping Hand Rescue Mission
225 Broadway, Huntington Station, NY 11746
631-351-6996
Grab & Go lunches distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 AM to 1 PM. Open Tuesday through Friday from 10 AM to 3 PM to accept donations and distribute food.

St. Hugh of Lincoln Parish Outreach
21 East 9th Street, Huntington Station, NY 11746
631-427-0638
Open Monday through Friday from 10 AM to Noon and from 1 to 3 PM to accept donations and distribute food. Operating a drive-thru pantry for the time being.

LI Cares
Multiple locations including - 220 Broadway, Huntington Station, NY 11746
*Contact the location nearest to your home before visiting* If you need to be assessed for a Mobile Home Delivery due to the Covid-19 outbreak, call for a phone assessment – 631-582-3663 Ext. 109 or email Emergencyresponse@Licares.Org. Please allow 24-48 hours for a response.

Ecumenical Lay Council
First Presbyterian Church
Main & Church Streets, Northport, NY 11768
631-261-4357
Open Monday through Thursday from 10 AM to 12 PM to accept donations and distribute food.

Island Harvest
Call (516) 294-8528 or email admin@islandharvest.org
To find the food pantry closest to you, visit: https://www.islandharvest.org/find-help/find-a-food-pantry/.

Island Harvest is also providing free monthly nutritious food packages for Seniors ages 60+. To see if you qualify, contact marilyn@islandharvest.org or call 631-873-4775.

John J. Flanagan - Village Green School
Senior Center- 423 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743
631-351-3253
For ages 60 and older.... Grab & Go lunches are being distributed from Noon to 1:30 PM, Monday through Friday. ($2.00 suggested donation per meal. You must be registered to participate...call between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM to register.)

Huntington Food Share- Community Solidarity
Located at the intersection of Fairground Ave & E. 6th St. in Huntington Station.
631-223-4370
Operates every Tuesday at 8pm regardless of the weather. Residents receive 1 weeks’ worth of vegetarian groceries. Due to coronavirus, seniors will be served first and immunocompromised
individuals can drive up and the groceries will be placed in their vehicle. They are accepting volunteers, but please fill out the form on their website before going at communitysolidarity.org/foodshares/huntington.

**Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish Outreach**
53 Prospect Road, Centerport, NY 11721
631-754-9045
Open Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM to accept donations and distribute food.

**Tri Community and Youth Agency:** Tri CYA will distribute small bags of food outside of 809 New York Ave. Center - Monday between 11am-1pm. Youth programs are suspended temporarily. Workers are checking in remotely with youth and families. Tri CYA messages are checked each morning, please leave a clear message at 631-673-0614.
* If you are in crisis, please call the Huntington Hotline at 631-549-8700. If you have a health issue, please call your health care provider.

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**How You Can Help...**
*If you have the means... please consider volunteering or donating your time or expertise*

**Help Restock The Shelves Of Our Local Pantries:** Many of the food pantries that service people in our communities are in need of non-perishables and toiletries – especially now that we are seeing more and more layoffs and furloughs. Contact any of the pantries listed above for information on how to donate.

**People or businesses interested in getting involved in response efforts should visit:** Governor Cuomo is calling on health care professionals, schools of public health or medicine and PPE products providers and manufacturers to come forward to support the state’s response. It's going to be hard, it's going to be disruptive, but we will get through this together. [https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/get-involved-how-you-can-help](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/get-involved-how-you-can-help)

**Suffolk County Medical Reserve Corps is seeking** medical professionals who are willing to volunteer their skills and expertise. Volunteers will be deployed in a coordinated and controlled manner to support the ongoing coronavirus public health and emergency preparedness efforts. Call 631-852-4856, email MRC@suffolkcountyny.gov, or visit [https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/FRES/Office-of-Emergency-Management/Medical-Reserve-Corps](https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/FRES/Office-of-Emergency-Management/Medical-Reserve-Corps).

*Who can volunteer?* Physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists, as well as many community members including, interpreters, chaplains, office workers, legal advisors, and others.

**Support Our Local Small Businesses and Restaurants:** We are confronted with a public health crisis that comes with great economic impacts. Residents are encouraged to safely use local essential businesses for needed goods and services.
* Order take-out or delivery from your favorite restaurant.
- Call stores to inquire about ordering goods for delivery or curbside pick-up or outdoor dining.
- Purchase gift cards from local businesses to be used at a later date

The Long Island Main Street Alliance has compiled a list of restaurants and businesses open in downtowns across Suffolk and Nassau Counties: [https://www.facebook.com/Long-Island-Main-Street-Alliance-Were-Open-114182976893063/](https://www.facebook.com/Long-Island-Main-Street-Alliance-Were-Open-114182976893063/)

**Donate Blood**: There is an urgent need for blood donors at this time. Coronavirus concerns, blood drive cancellations, and employees working from home are all impacting donor turnout.

*Donate Blood at the New York Blood Center*
**Melville Donor Center, 905 Walt Whitman Rd. (Rte. 110)**
[Click here to Schedule an Appointment](https://www.nybloodcenter.org/donate-blood/covid-19-and-blood-donation-copy/)

**Donating blood is safe.** There is no data or evidence that suggests that the coronavirus can be transmissible by blood transfusion, and there have been no reported cases worldwide of transmissions for any respiratory virus including this coronavirus. [https://nybloodcenter.org/donate-blood/covid-19-and-blood-donation-copy/](https://nybloodcenter.org/donate-blood/covid-19-and-blood-donation-copy/)

- New York Blood Center staff are trained in universal precautions to help prevent the risk of spreading infections and they interview donors as they come in to ensure they are healthy.
- In an effort to help protect staff and blood donors, additional precautions are being taken immediately including more extensive wipe down of surfaces such as tablets, tables, and donor beds.

**Recovered COVID-19 Patients Can Donate Convalescent Plasma**: NY Blood Center and Mt. Sinai are looking for plasma donations from patients who have successfully recovered for COVID-19. Blood from recovered patients may contain antibodies that fight the virus and can help critically ill people.

- **NY Blood Center**: If you had a positive test, AND your symptoms have been gone for 14 days, AND you are willing to DONATE, please complete and submit the form below. All information provided will be kept confidential and will only be used to qualify you as a donor. [https://www.nybloodcenter.org/donate-blood/convalescent-plasma-covid-19-donor-request-form/](https://www.nybloodcenter.org/donate-blood/convalescent-plasma-covid-19-donor-request-form/)

- **Mount Sinai COVID-19 Plasma Donation**: Please fill out this form to see if you are eligible: [https://redcap.mountsinai.org/redcap/surveys/?s=RCC7FNHK3Y&ga=2.2676016.1675440433.1586035052-362139679.1586035052](https://redcap.mountsinai.org/redcap/surveys/?s=RCC7FNHK3Y&ga=2.2676016.1675440433.1586035052-362139679.1586035052)

**The First Responders Fund** was created by Governor Cuomo to assist COVID-19 health care workers and first responders with expenses and costs, including childcare. The State Department of Health is accepting donations for the fund, and Blackstone is making an anchor $10 million contribution to the fund. Donations can be made electronically at [https://www.healthresearch.org/donation-form/](https://www.healthresearch.org/donation-form/)
School Districts in Huntington Township

**Cold Spring Harbor Central School District**
75 Goose Hill Road
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724
Robert C. Fenter, Superintendent
631-367-5931
rfenter@csh.k12.ny.us

**Commack Union Free School District**
480 Clay Pitts Road
East Northport, NY 11731
Dr. Donald James, Superintendent
(631) 912-2010
djames@commack.k12.ny.us

**Elwood Public Schools**
100 Kenneth Avenue
Greenlawn, NY 11740
Dr. Kenneth Bossert, Superintendent
(631) 266-5400 x 1402
kbossert@elwood.k12.ny.us

**Half Hollow Hills Central School District**
525 Half Hollow Road
Dix Hills, NY 11746
Dr. Patrick Harrigan, Superintendent
(631) 592-3008
superintendent@hhh.k12.ny.us

**Harborfields Central School District**
2 Oldfield Road
Greenlawn, NY 11740
Dr. Francesco Ianni, Superintendent
Phone: (631) 754-5320 Ext. 321
iannif@harborfieldscsd.org

**Huntington Public Schools**
50 Tower Street
Huntington Station, NY 11743
Mr. James Polansky, Superintendent
(631) 673-2038
jomiranda@hufsd.edu (Joanne, Secretary to the Superintendent)
Northport-East Northport Public Schools
158 Laurel Avenue
Northport, NY 11768
Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent
(631) 262-6607
robert.banzer@northport.k12.ny.us

South Huntington Schools
60 Weston Street
Huntington Station, NY 11746
Dr. David Bennardo, Superintendent
(631) 812-3070
dbennardo@shufsd.org
## Important Numbers to Know

**Suffolk County Police Department Emergency**: 911  
**Non-Emergency Number**: (631) 852-6000 or 631-852-COPS

### FIRE DEPARTMENTS & AMBULANCE

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**Ambulance served by Huntington Community First Aid Squad**: (631) 421-1212