

Coronavirus Resource Guide

For Residents & Businesses



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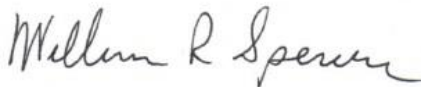
Dear Neighbor,

With Governor Cuomo's Executive Order- New York State on PAUSE - currently in effect in our region until June 6th to contain the coronavirus, we are reminded of how interconnected our world is, and that in order to get through this, we will need to work together. While the situation is changing on a daily basis, we are seeing the greater effects of this pandemic unfold now as many folks are being impacted economically, emotionally, and physically.

I want you to know that my office is here to help in any way we can. We are staying abreast of the most up-to-date information, and connecting with our government partners and local outreach groups to compile resources currently available to assist those in need during this difficult time. Below is a list of support services available as well as information on closures of county offices and details on how we can help our fellow neighbors.

Please remember to check up on your elderly 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. There is nothing wrong with reaching out for a little assistance.

Stay well,



William R. Spencer, MD
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Please note...

The information and resources included below have been compiled as of *May 13, 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, please email William.spencer@suffolkcountyny.gov.

Thank you

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[Huntington Township Chamber of Commerce Local Business Resource](#)

[Tips for Small Businesses trying to Survive Coronavirus Shutdown](#)

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[Suffolk County Alliance of Chamber's Disaster Relief Information](#)

[US Chamber Resources For Small Businesses](#)

[US Chamber Coronavirus Small Business Guide](#)

[NYS Attorney General Guidance on Coronavirus](#)

[New York Times - Your Money: A Hub for Help During the Coronavirus Crisis](#)

[Paycheck Protection Program - 100 most active SBA 7\(a\) Lenders](#)

[COVID-19 Financial Survival Toolkit From NYS Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli](#)

[New York Forward Regional Monitoring Dashboard](#)

New York State On PAUSE

Schools will remain closed for the rest of the academic year. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-signs-executive-order-closing-schools-statewide-two-weeks>

Non-essential businesses are to remain closed until at least **May 15, 2020** per the Governor's Executive Order. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-announces-nys-pause-functions-extended-additional>

The 10-point NYS on PAUSE plan is as follows:

1. Effective at 8PM on Sunday, March 22, all non-essential businesses statewide will be closed;
2. Non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason (e.g. parties, celebrations or other social events) are canceled or postponed at this time;
3. Any concentration of individuals outside their home must be limited to workers providing essential services and social distancing should be practiced;
4. When in public individuals must practice social distancing of at least six feet from others;
5. Businesses and entities that provide other essential services must implement rules that help facilitate social distancing of at least six feet;
6. Individuals should limit outdoor recreational activities to non-contact and avoid activities where they come in close contact with other people;
7. Individuals should limit use of public transportation to when absolutely necessary and should limit potential exposure by spacing out at least six feet from other riders;
8. Sick individuals should not leave their home unless to receive medical care and only after a telehealth visit to determine if leaving the home is in the best interest of their health;
9. Young people should also practice social distancing and avoid contact with vulnerable populations; and
10. Use precautionary sanitizer practices such as using isopropyl alcohol wipes

"Matilda's Law" includes the following rules for vulnerable populations:

New Yorkers Age 70 and Older, those with compromised immune systems and with underlying illnesses

- Remain indoors;
- Can go outside for solitary exercise;
- Pre-screen all visitors and aides by taking their temperature and seeing if person is exhibiting other flu-like symptoms;
- Do not visit households with multiple people;

- Wear a mask when in the company of others;
- To the greatest extent possible, everyone in the presence of vulnerable people should wear a mask;
- Always stay at least six feet away from individuals; and
- Do not take public transportation unless urgent and absolutely necessary

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

DO	DON’T
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure you can breathe through the mask • Wear it whenever going in public • Make sure it covers your nose and mouth • Wash after using 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use if under two years old • Use surgical masks or other PPE intended for healthcare workers

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

How to Make Your Own Face Covering- From the Surgeon General:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPx1yqvJgf4>

CDC Sew and No Sew Instructions For Cloth Face Coverings:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

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>

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](https://www.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.

COVID-19 Testing Available in Huntington – By Appointment Only

If you think you or someone in your family has COVID-19, call 845-553-8030 to inquire about an appointment. Testing will be outdoors at St. Hugh of Lincoln- 21 East 9th Street, Huntington Station, 11746.

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.solvehealth.com/book-online/plJVw0>

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.

NYS Department of Health Antibody Testing

New York State is conducting an antibody testing survey to develop a baseline infection rate. The preliminary results of phase two show 14.9% of the population have COVID-19 antibodies. The preliminary results of phase one of the state's antibody testing survey released on April 23rd showed 13.9% percent of the population have COVID-19 antibodies.

Per CityMD: Antibody testing can help determine if an individual has had prior exposure to COVID-19 and have built an antibody for the virus. In the case of most viral illnesses, a positive antibody means prior exposure and some degree of immunity to future infection. As COVID-19 is a novel (new) infection, it is unclear if a positive antibody definitively offers immunity. Most experts agree it likely does, however the recommendation is to still practice universal precautions.

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 your eligibility to return to school or work. Visit <https://health.suffolkcountyny.gov/covidreleaseletters/LetterSelect.aspx> to fill out the questionnaire.

You 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.

Healthcare Providers Experiencing Supply Shortage

Can request PPE from The Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management: <https://fres.suffolkcountyny.gov/Covid19SupplyRequest/Default.aspx>

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/onlinereporting 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. All essential functions will continue. Almost all transactions and general inquires can be addressed online via access to the website or by phone, 631-853-5500. For those wishing to drop material off at the building, we greatly encourage you to use the mail instead. In view of Covid-19 outbreak, Suffolk County Civil Service Examinations scheduled for Saturday, March 21 and Saturday, March 28 are being 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 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 all park areas that do not allow for social distancing are closed, including: playgrounds, dog parks, golf courses, restrooms, marinas, and point of sale locations. ALL visitors of County parks should practice social distancing and good hygiene to protect yourself and others.
 - **Permits and Green Keys** can be purchased via email at SCParks@suffolkcountyny.gov. Email your name, address, household # and any required documents. 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.
 - Suffolk County campgrounds are currently closed until May 31st. Date is subject to change.
 - New Reservations for Suffolk County campgrounds are currently on hold.
- **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>

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>

OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19:

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

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 provides \$350 billion to create a new loan product within the Small Business Administration 7(a) Loan Program.

- 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.
- For more details, visit <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>

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>.

Loan Forgiveness Under the Paycheck Protection Program:

- The loan forgiveness tool allows business that maintain payroll continuity from February 15, 2020 to June 30, 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.

- Facts about the loan and what businesses need to do to prepare can be found at the link below – compliments of Congresswoman Kathleen Rice: http://63.135.124.150/smart_talk/03-18-20/KR_SBA_Fact_Sheet.pdf
- **For more information, or to apply for assistance, visit:** <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>

Additional Resources

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. To learn more about, visit:

<https://www.stonybrook.edu/sbdc/>

- **Schedule an appointment online at:** <http://nysbdc.org/appointment.html>

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
- Businesses are encouraged to complete the **COVID Business Impact Survey**: <https://suffolkcountyny.force.com/public/request/DOLBUSIMP/details>.
- 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/>. Chamber members can email their promotions to leanne@huntingtonchamber.com to be posted on the page.

Parking Meters: The Town of Huntington has temporarily suspended parking meters in the village to assist the restaurant and business community. Enforcement of handicap, fire zone and other safety-related parking violations that interfere with traffic patterns or line-of-sight will continue.

Support for Residents

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

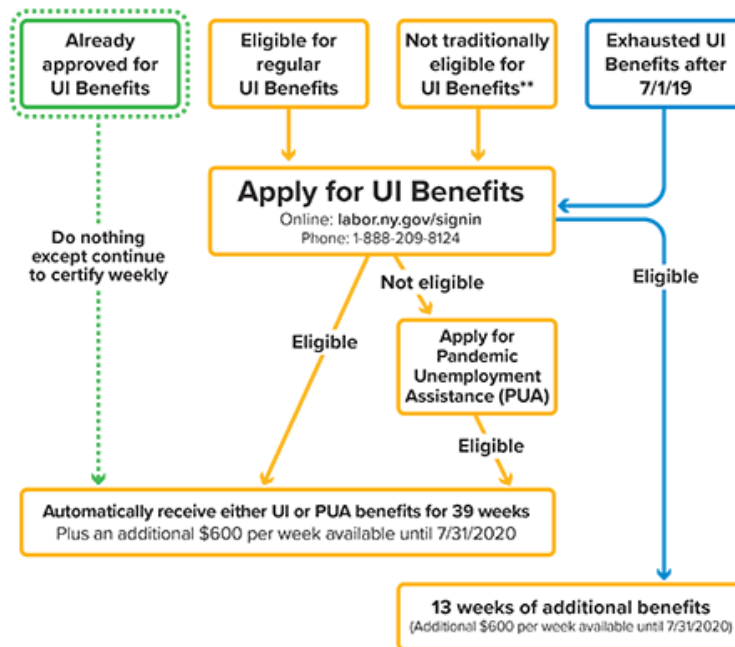
One Time 2020 Coronavirus Rebate: Some taxpayers will be eligible for direct payment assistance. Most adults will get \$1,200, although some will get less. It depends on your income and your most recent tax filing.

- \$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](#)

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:** <https://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/pdfs/Unemployment-Filing-Instructions.pdf>
- 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 for up to 4 months.
- 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.
- Visit <https://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/pdfs/cares-act-need-to-know.pdf> for information about the CARES Act from NYS Department of Labor.



New York State has waived the 7-Day waiting period for Unemployment Insurance Benefits 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**

WEB SERVICE HOURS			7:30am - 7:30pm	7:30am - 5pm	12am SAT → 7pm SUN	
PHONE SERVICE HOURS			8:00am - 7:30pm		7:30am - 8:00pm	
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
File on the day your last names begins with:			Missed your filing day? File on Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday.			
A - F	G - N	O - Z				

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION READY BEFORE FILING YOUR UI CLAIM:

- NAME
- CONTACT INFORMATION
- SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
- DRIVER’S LICENSE INFORMATION
- YOUR LAST W-2
(FOR EMPLOYER INFORMATION, EMPLOYER NUMBER AND WAGE)
- BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER AND ROUTING NUMBER
(IF YOU WANT DIRECT DEPOSIT)

WE ARE YOUR DOL


***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.*

518-704-2704
IS AN OUTBOUND NYS DOL PHONE NUMBER.

ANY CALLS YOU RECEIVE FROM THIS NUMBER ARE FROM REPRESENTATIVES PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR YOUR UI CLAIM

- 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.

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 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.

Other Resources

Emergency COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave: Guarantees workers job protection and financial compensation in the event they, or their minor dependent child, are subject to an order of mandatory or precautionary quarantine or isolation due to coronavirus.

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/paid-sick-leave-covid-19-impacted-new-yorkers/emergency-covid-19-paid-sick-leave>

- **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>

COVID-19 Financial Survival Toolkit for New Yorkers From NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli:

<https://osc.state.ny.us/covid-19/financial-toolkit>

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 is found online at 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
 - Deer Park School District – John F. Kennedy Intermediate 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. Uninsured individuals can visit 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).

<https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-coronavirus>

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.

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-issues-guidance-help-medicare-advantage-and-part-d-plans-respond-covid-19>

Resources for Expectant Mothers and Families with Newborns:

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

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/covid19_pregnancyconsumerfaqs_3.21.20.pdf

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

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/pregnancy-breastfeeding.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprepare%2Fpregnancy-breastfeeding.html

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.

Family Service League- DASH Hotline: Diagnostic, Assessment, and Stabilization Hub (DASH) offers 24/7 crisis care for children, adults, and families. Available to Suffolk residents who struggle with mental health and substance use disorders - Call 631-952-3333.

New York State COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline: Support, consultation, and referral to a provider. Call 1-844-863-9314.

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/. Access a schedule of upcoming programs, here: <https://alzfdn.org/coronavirus/>

Veterans

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

Coffee With A Veteran: The Suffolk County Council of VFW’s are hosting daily Zoom calls for veterans every day at 12:00pm until April 30th. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/sccvfw> for more information.

- Below is the Link to join the Zoom meeting. Use Meeting ID: 394 023 627 and Password: 588719: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/394023627?pwd=NGRaSFhGWpwejZmSDk5cUFpVUZLdz09>.

Bills

PSEG-Long Island announced that it will temporarily suspend shut-offs of electric service to residential customers for non-payment. 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: Currently— Services are Temporarily Paused. Collection activities and disconnections have been temporarily suspended to lessen any financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. These policies will remain in effect at least until the end of April, when they will evaluate the continued need. Call for more info.

Verizon: During this unprecedented period challenging the world's health and economy, Verizon announced that for the next 60 days they will waive late fees that any residential or small business customers incur because of their economic circumstances related to the coronavirus. In addition, the company will not terminate service to any residential or small business customers because of their inability to pay their bills due to disruptions caused by the coronavirus. Call for more info.

AT&T announced multiple measures they are enacting to help consumers during the Coronavirus crisis, including a halt on terminating service of any wireless, home phone or broadband residential or small business customer due to an inability to pay their bill and waiving late payment fees for those customers.

Sprint: On March 13th, Sprint announced that for the next 60 days, they will support residential and small business customers by not terminating service if they are unable to pay their Sprint bill because of the coronavirus, and waiving late fees incurred because of economic circumstances related to the pandemic. <https://newsroom.sprint.com/covid-19-updates-sprint-responds.htm>

Internet Access: Altice USA is helping schools and students stay connected during this unprecedented time. Since March, they have been offering the Altice Advantage broadband solution for free. This service will be available through June 30th to households with K-12 and/or college students who may be displaced due to school closures and who do not currently have home internet access from Altice USA. In addition, Altice USA has partnered with school districts to offer a Student WiFi product free to allow students with school-issued devices the ability to connect to the Optimum WiFi Hot Spot Network to access school's network and resources. Visit the Altice Advantage Internet website for details on how to sign up: <https://www.alticeadvantageinternet.com/>

Geico Payment Assistance and Help for Policyholders that are unable to make a payment due to COVID-19. Effective immediately, Geico is pausing cancellation of coverage due to non-payment and policy expiration through April 30, 2020. Additionally, they have committed to working with customers by providing flexible payment plans and/or special payment plans once normal billing resumes.

Medical/Student Loan Debt: Governor Cuomo and Attorney General Letitia James announced that — effective immediately — the state will temporarily halt for at least a 30-day period 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 until at least April 15, 2020. * **No application is necessary for medical and student debt***

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: All DMV offices are closed, all road tests are suspended, and all reservations have been canceled. All driver's licenses, non-driver IDs, and registrations with an expiration day of March 1, 2020 or later will be extended. All inspections expiring March 31st or later have been extended until further notice. Many transactions can be completed online, visit the DMV website at <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>

The UNITED TOGETHER: A Response Fund For COVID-19 was created through a partnership between United Way of Long Island and Suffolk County Government to help Long Island families as the current health and economic crisis progresses. If you are a low-wage worker and have had a recent sudden loss of employment or furlough due to the effects of COVID-19, assistance will be available for eligible applicants. Beginning on or around April 6th support will be provided until these funds are exhausted.

Who Can Receive Assistance? Low-income, wage earners who reside in Suffolk or Nassau County and are recently unemployed or have been furloughed due to the effects of COVID-19 may apply for assistance. Applicants must meet the [monthly eligibility guidelines](#).

What Assistance Will I Receive? Eligible applicants will receive help with meeting their critical, basic needs of food and household supplies via retail gift cards.

Apply Online at: <https://www.unitedwayli.org/covid19applicationsuffolk>

Housing

Eviction proceedings and pending eviction orders were suspended statewide on 3/16/2020, until further notice, per a memo from New York's Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Marks. As of March 20th, Governor Cuomo also announced a 90-day moratorium (June 18th) on any residential or commercial evictions.

Tenant Guidance From New York State Attorney General Letitia James:

- Evictions of all kinds are currently illegal
- Landlords cannot participate in "rent gouging" or increase rent in order to capitalize on the crisis
- Landlords cannot withhold essential services over failure to pay rent
- Landlords cannot discriminate against or evict a tenant because the tenant has coronavirus

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.

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 or contact info@lihp.org.

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.
- A Rear-Door Boarding Policy is now in effect. All riders will now board on the back of the bus and the first few rows of the bus are being isolated to create a safe social distance between the riders and the driver.

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

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: At this time (5/4/2020) property taxes are due by their regular deadline - May 31st.

Food Services – Please call ahead to ensure hours/circumstances have not changed.

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>
- 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/>

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

When:	Mondays @ 4:00pm	Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 12:00pm	Wednesdays & Fridays @ 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Where:	At St. Hugh of Lincoln Church- Pulaski Road & New York Avenue, Huntington Station	At “La Casita” Manor Field Park - 90 East 5th Street, Huntington Station	1700 New York Avenue, Huntington Station
Donated by:	SCPD 2nd Precinct, Housing Help, Inc., Project Hope, St. Hugh of Lincoln Outreach, and the Huntington Station Community Benefits Grant.	SCPD 2nd Precinct, HealthFirst, Ra-Cha Thai Cuisine, St. Hugh of Lincoln Food Pantry / Project Hope & Community Solidarity	Helping Hand Rescue Mission, HSLQ, Mama Lucia’s, Pizza Gyro, Curry Express, and Huntington Assembly of God.

Grocery Shopping For Homebound Seniors & Immunocompromised Residents:

Coordinated by the Office of Suffolk County Legislator William Spencer, MD. Help is available during the COVID-19 crisis for seniors and compromised individuals in the Huntington area who are unable to leave home and are experiencing difficulty with scheduling grocery delivery. Legislator Spencer’s staff and a group of trusted volunteers have been assembled to assist with your shopping needs. Call 631-317-4392 to sign-up.

How it Works

1. Call to speak with a staff member and provide details about your situation.
2. You will be matched with a local volunteer who will contact you via phone to obtain your shopping list and coordinate delivery within 3 days.
3. The volunteer will deliver the groceries to your front door while ensuring safe distance and precautionary measures are taken. Just leave your payment (cash or check) in an envelope for them at the time of delivery.

Serving the communities of: Greenlawn, Centerport, Northport, Asharoken, Eaton's Neck, Huntington, Halesite, Huntington Bay, Huntington Station, Lloyd Harbor, Cold Spring Harbor.

School District Feeding Programs

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

Cold Spring Harbor

"Grab-and-go" breakfasts and lunches will be available free of charge to any student in the district who is eligible for free or reduced-price meals. In an effort to be prepared, please notify the Department of Food and Nutrition if you plan on participating. Call (631) 367-6970 or email gtiger@csh.k12.ny.us.

Elwood

"Grab and go" breakfast and lunch are available for families currently approved to receive free or reduced meals. For questions, please contact the School Lunch Manager, Mrs. Mara Pugh, at 631-266- 5400, extension 2442. Distribution will take place in the Elwood Middle School Front courtyard by the basketball courts between 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Harborfields

"Grab-and-go" meals are available for pick up from an exterior window at Thomas J. Lahey Elementary School, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 11:00am and 1:00 pm. A staff member is located outside to help direct parents/guardians to the meal pick-up window. They will receive both a bagged lunch and a bagged breakfast for the following day for each Harborfields student and other children in the household 18 years of age or under.

Huntington

Curbside meal distribution will be available each weekday at Huntington High School (front entrance), Finley Middle School (front entrance), Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School (administrative entrance on Tower Street), and Jefferson Primary School (front entrance) between the hours of 10:00am and 12:00pm.

Northport-East Northport

The Child Nutrition Department has enacted an emergency feeding program for all Northport – E. Northport School District students - until further notice or re-opening of the Schools. Families can pick up breakfast and/or lunch meals, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 10:00am-12:00pm at Northport High School.

South Huntington

Free “Grab-and-Go” bagged breakfast and lunch is available the during school closure for all South Huntington Union Free School District children aged 18 years old or under. This food service will be available weekdays, Mondays through Fridays, between the hours of 11:00am – 1:00pm at Stimson Middle School.

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.*

Food Pantries

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

631-824-6384

<https://www.licares.org/find-help/food-locator/>

*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/>

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.

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.

Suffolk County PPE Supply Drive: The response to COVID-19 has resulted in a national shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE). We need these critical supplies for our healthcare professionals, first responders and county employees on the front lines. People can drop off PPE supplies including **N95 masks, ear lobe and face masks, gowns and gloves** on weekdays between 10am-2pm at:

- SC Fire Academy - 102 East Avenue Yaphank.
- DPW Yards at 150 Old Riverhead Road, Westhampton
- 97 Crooked Hill Road, Commack
- For large donations please email: FRESfinance@suffolkcountyny.gov

For corporations who would like to provide supplies, email:

- Supply19@suffolkcountyny.gov for donation/purchasing COVID-19 supplies.
- Property19@suffolkcountyny.gov for realty inquiries.

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>

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>.

- **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

- 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/>

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](#)

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/>

- 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/>.
- **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

The First Responders Fund was created by Governor Cuomo to assist COVID-19 health care workers and first responders with expenses and costs, including child care. 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/>

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

<p>Centerport Emergency: (631) 757-4444 Non-Emergency: (631) 261-5916</p>	<p>Cold Spring Harbor Emergency: (631) 692-4747 Non-Emergency: (631) 692-6772</p>
<p>Commack Emergency: (631) 499-5777 Non-Emergency: (631) 499-6690</p>	<p>East Northport Emergency: (631) 261-1110 Non-Emergency: (631) 261-0360</p>
<p>Eaton’s Neck Emergency: (631) 757-5700 Non-Emergency: (631) 757-8932</p>	<p>Greenlawn Emergency: (631) 261-1616 Non-Emergency: (631) 261-9103</p>
<p>Huntington Manor Emergency: (631) 385-3434 Non-Emergency: (631) 427-1629 **Ambulance served by Huntington Community First Aid Squad: (631) 421-1212**</p>	<p>Huntington Emergency: (631) 421-3131 Non-Emergency: (631) 427-3030 **Ambulance served by Huntington Community First Aid Squad: (631) 421-1212**</p>
<p>Halesite Emergency: (631) 427-7250 Non-Emergency: (631) 427-1910</p>	<p>Northport Emergency: (631) 757-1111 Non-Emergency: (631) 261-7504</p>