



VILLAGE OF WILSON

ON THE SHORES OF LAKE ONTARIO

Dear Fellow Residents,

In the interest of staying connected I am going to send daily updates. With the increase in vigilance of remaining healthy, your primary mission is to keep you and your family healthy.

UPDATE CASE NUMBERS

- As of March 18, at 7:38 PM there are 2,382 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New York. Out of the 2,382 cases, 23% are hospitalized. There is one (1) confirmed case in Niagara County. As of March 17th, fourteen (14) people have been quarantined, but this figure is expected to grow based on the confirmed case.
- To date, there are 204,264 positive cases around the world and 8,244 deaths. So far, there are 82,107 total recoveries and 113,913 pending cases worldwide.

SYMPTOMS

According to the CDC, symptoms may cause mild to severe respiratory symptoms like cough, fever, trouble breathing, and/or pneumonia. The CDC believes, at this time, that symptoms may appear in as few as two (2) days or as long as fourteen (14) days after exposure to the virus.

CAUSES

The CDC believes most cases are now likely to be spread from person to person by droplets when coughing.

PREVENTION

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the garbage.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

TAKE CAUTION WITH NEW YORKERS AT RISK

Take special caution to avoid exposing the elderly and people with underlying health conditions. Avoid visiting those most at risk, call instead. Offer help with groceries and other goods.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING WHEN PURCHASING GROCERIES

Help our residents who have difficulty making it to the grocery store by purchasing only what you need.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Village staff will be reduced to a bare minimum that includes only the Village Board and Village Clerk. I urge residents to stay home, however, if you decide to come, we only allow the first 6 residents to enter and you must practice social distancing practices as stated above.

GOVERNOR CUOMO'S MESSAGE

“This is an **extraordinary time** in this nation’s history, and it will go down in the history books as one of those **moments of true crisis and confusion**. My **message to New Yorkers** is this: Be a little bit more sensitive, understand the stress, understand the fear, be a little bit more loving, a little bit more compassionate, a little bit more comforting, and a little bit more cooperative. **We are going to get through it and we are going to get through it together.**”

YESTERDAYS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HALT ON STUDENT DEBT:** Governor Cuomo and Attorney General Letitia James announced the state will temporarily halt the collection of medical and student loan debt owed to the State of New York.
- **ELECTIONS SUSPENDED:** New Village elections will be scheduled on April 28th. More will follow on this as Ellen and I develop our plan.
- **PAID LEAVE:** Governor Cuomo signed a bill to guarantee paid leave for New Yorkers under mandatory or precautionary quarantine due to COVID-19.

I stress patience and flexibility with ongoing planning and responses to the pandemic.

I will also stress that as public servants, your Village Staff will do their best to serve the public's needs to the very best of their abilities, always.

With that in mind, stay the course, engage in self-care as prescribed by Health Officials, and continue to take precautionary measures to reduce exposure to illness.

Respectfully,

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