



VILLAGE OF WILSON

ON THE SHORES OF LAKE ONTARIO

Good Afternoon,

Attached for your awareness are “Talking Points” from the Village associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic. In addition, we have updates from New York, Niagara County, and the US District Attorney WNY office.

UPDATE CASE NUMBERS

- There were three more cases from Niagara County. Niagara County now has 12 positive results, 64 people quarantined, 12 in isolation and still 4 pending test results from last week. It is believed all new cases were via community spread. In addition, 29 people have completed their quarantine.
- As of 10:05 AM, New York has 23,230 confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- There have been 157 deaths in New York as of March 23, 2020.
- Nationally, New York remains the most impacted state in the U.S. (23,230 in NY out of 46,481 nationwide.)
- Internationally, there are 392,780 positive cases around the world and 17,159 deaths. So far, there are 102,980 total recoveries worldwide. This is current as of March 24, 2020 at 10:05 AM.

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.

ESTIMATED VIRUS PEAK

On March 20, 2020, experts estimate the coronavirus will peak in about forty-five (45) days.

HOW DO I TRANSLATE THIS TO MY DAILY LIFE?

The numbers above are telling us that a lot of us, projections say that 40 – 80% of us, will be infected with the COVID-19 virus. The above numbers also make it clear that we know who will be the most affected. For everyone’s benefit, we must realize that protocol put in place is not advice we may choose to ignore. It is imperative that we follow all social distancing protocol for everyone’s safety. Even the most well-intentioned actions may have tragic consequences. Be careful, stay safe, and keep healthy.

NEW YORK RESPONDS

REGISTER FOR COVID-19 UPDATES: If you have a question or want to register for updates on COVID-19 from the State, go to the following webpage: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>.

COVID-19 SBA DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM: The U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) federal disaster loan program has been approved for all counties in NYS and is available for applications. Low-interest loans for working capital are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture businesses and most private non-profit organizations suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout New York State. Information on the program, how to apply, and a webinar can be found on ESD's website located here: <https://esd.ny.gov/resource-guide-covid-19-sba-disaster-loans>.

NIAGARA COUNTY UPDATES

Niagara County has been doing a great job of sharing information with me via conference call, email, and phone call. To keep updates on COVID-19 in our county go to the following website: <https://www.niagaracounty.com/>.

VILLAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINANCIAL HELP: The United Way COVID-19 Relief Fund will help with bills, rent, and food. Call 1-866-211-9966 or go to www.uwgn.org.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE: During this time of unprecedented isolation and quarantines, when supply of toilet paper has diminished, people are resorting to cleansing wipes. It is imperative that you DO NOT flush these wipes but rather place a small trash can next to the toilet and dispose of them in the trash. Thank you.

ELECTIONS SUSPENDED: New Village elections have been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 28, 2020. More information will follow on this as Ellen and I develop our plan.

SUPPORT OUR FOOD PANTRY: For information on how to help or get help from the Food Pantry, please call 716-751-0165 or 716-727-4074, or go to their website at <https://wilsoncommunityfoodpantry.com/donate>.

SUPPORT OUR BUSINESSES: We are blessed to still have a grocery store and lucky to have a family like the Bowman's who have worked so hard to keep it operating with all the supply disruptions as of late. Let's also not forget Matty's, T&R's, Woodcock Brothers Brewery, Victorianbourg Winery and the Wilson Brew Company for pickup services. All these businesses donate to our local events and we need to support them and our other local businesses at every opportunity. More importantly, let's be sure to follow all guidance on social distancing when we are visiting our essential businesses.

NEIGHBORS HELPLING NEIGHBORS: Cheryl Krygier will be leaving meals on her porch if you need any assistance. You are invited to pick one up. Her address is 258 Lake Street. Thank you, Cheryl.

US ATTORNEY KENNEDY, JR. URGES THE PUBLIC TO REPORT SUSPECTED COVID-19 FRAUD:

• Buffalo, NY – US Attorney James P. Kennedy, Jr. urged the public to report suspected fraud schemes related to COVID-19 by calling the National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF) hotline at **1-866-720-5721** or the NCDF email address disaster@leo.gov.

Let's also look out for each other and be on alert for others who are creating disturbances and becoming an annoyance or nuisance to our fellow neighbors.

As with my message every day, stay safe, wash your hands, practice continued social distancing, and above all else, stay healthy!

Respectfully,

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