



TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION UPDATE MARCH 19, 2020

State, county, and local officials are urging everyone to stay at home as much as possible and to keep a safe distance of 6 feet from others in public spaces to reduce the spread of Coronavirus

NYS has opened a drive-through coronavirus mobile testing center at the south parking lot at Stony Brook University. Appointments are required. To be screened for eligibility for a test, call 888-364-3065.

EAST HAMPTON TOWN INFORMATION

**** Sign up for alerts from the town at eamptonny.gov by clicking on the "Stay Connected" button on the home page, and following instructions**

The Town Human Services Department, in coordination with community agencies, is providing services to those in need, including delivering meals, obtaining medicines, and connecting residents with other services. Bilingual staff can provide information in English and in Spanish. Those in need of assistance may call 631-329-6939.

Town-Issued Permits; Those due to expire in the coming weeks will be extended and remain in effect until further notice. Permit holders will be required to renew the permits once the Town of East Hampton offices resume normal operations.

East Hampton Town offices have been closed to the public until further notice. Those with urgent business have been asked to contact the pertinent department by phone or email.

The East Hampton Town Police Department building has been closed to the public. Visitors to headquarters may communicate with a dispatcher by intercom.

East Hampton Town playing fields and parks have been closed to group sports and gatherings, and playgrounds closed.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Grocery Stores that have designated set hours for shopping for senior citizens and/or emergency first responders only in order to limit their possible exposure to the virus include:

Stop & Shop in East Hampton — Senior citizens only, 6 to 7:30 a.m.;

East Hampton IGA, Seniors and First Responders only 7 to 8 a.m.; Montauk IGA, Seniors and First Responders only, 7 to 8 a.m.

Schiavoni's Market, Sag Harbor, Senior citizens only 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

“Grab and Go” breakfast and lunch meals are being distributed by the East Hampton School District to any student under age 18, from any district, at the East Hampton High School parking lot on Mondays through Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. Those with last names starting with A through M may pick up meals between 9 and 10 a.m.; distribution to those with last names starting with N through Z will be from 10 to 11 a.m.

“Facts at Five” Daily Information Updates are being broadcast by LTV Channel 22 in East Hampton daily at 5 p.m.

NYS and SUFFOLK COUNTY INFORMATION:

— **Sign up for daily alerts from the Governor's office on the COVID-19 coronavirus** at this link: https://now.ny.gov/page/s/coronavirus-updates?fbclid=IwAR3Ww2hwI1Atwglu-jAhFYx6UxfnpHKHh4vbDIa-iH_B032-Uiknr442-h1s

Suffolk County residents can text COVIDSUFFOLK to 67283 to receive information on the latest developments and health guidance

Dial 311 in Suffolk County for COVID-19 information and to reach the County's Business Response Unit

— For Businesses: **Suffolk County has mobilized a Business Response Unit** to address the impact on businesses of the coronavirus pandemic, which can be contacted at the web page suffolkcountyny.gov/bru, or email to business.Recovery@suffolkcountyny.gov.

Take the County Business Recovery Survey: <https://suffolkcountyny.force.com/public/request/DOLBUSIMP/details>

Businesses in New York State may apply for Economic Disaster Impact Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration

<https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>

— **Questions about travel and symptoms? Experiencing COVID-19 symptoms** and want to register for a test at a NYS mobile testing center? Call 888-364-3065

— **Suffolk County Coronavirus information:** <https://suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Health-Services/Health-Bulletins/Novel-Coronavirus>
New York State COVID-19 website: <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

The New York State Department of Labor is taking unemployment claims applications on different days of the week according to an alphabetical system according to the first letter of the applicant's last name.

To file a claim log on to: <https://applications.labor.ny.gov/IndividualReg/>

New Yorkers with Student, Medical, and Other State-Referred Debt Will Have Payments Frozen for at Least 30 Days

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, for at least a 30-day period, in response to growing financial impairments resulting from the spread of coronavirus.

NYS Governor Cuomo has mandated, by executive order, the closure of gyms, bars, and restaurants for dine-in services (they may offer take-out only

service). All schools statewide have been closed through April 1. Indoor portions of retail shopping malls, amusement parks, and bowling alleys have been ordered closed as of 8 p.m. on March 19.

Businesses and municipalities have been ordered to reduce their in-house work- force by 75 percent. “Essential Businesses” exempt from the order include grocery stores, pharmacies, health care, utilities, banks and other financial institutions, shipping, media, and other supply chain critical businesses.

Among other directives, the Governor has also directed mortgage servicers and banks to provide certain relief to borrowers and customers to help lessen the financial hardship of the COVID-19 pandemic on New Yorkers, and directed the state health department to identify ways to increase the capacity of the state’s hospitals.

The Governor’s Executive Orders can be found here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-2026-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>

ABOUT THE VIRUS

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a virus (more specifically, a coronavirus) identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan, China.

The United States reported the first confirmed instance of person- to-person spread with this virus on January 30.

Symptoms:

For confirmed 2019-nCoV infections, reported illnesses have ranged from people with mild symptoms to people being severely ill and dying. Symptoms can include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

If you feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, and have traveled to China, Italy, or other coronavirus hot spots, or were in close contact with someone with 2019-nCoV in the 14 days before you began to feel sick, seek

medical care. Before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.

Prevention/Treatment:

Everyone can do their part to help us respond to this public health threat:

- For everyone: It's currently flu and respiratory disease season and CDC recommends getting vaccinated, taking everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs, and taking flu antivirals if prescribed.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent 2019-nCoV infection. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth 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 trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.