



TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

159 Pantigo Road
East Hampton, New York 11937

INFORMATION UPDATE — MARCH 24, 2020

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS SITUATION

**Number of Confirmed Positive Cases of Coronavirus in Suffolk County as of 3/24:
1,880; Number of Deaths in Suffolk County : 17**

Number of Confirmed Positive Cases in East Hampton Town: 13

**Number of Confirmed Positive Cases in New York State: 23,247; Number of Deaths in New
York State: 184**

Health and county emergency operations officials are predicting the situation will peak in early May.

It is imperative for everyone to limit contact with others. STAY HOME. If it is absolutely necessary to leave your house, remain at least 6 feet distant from other people.

Governor Cuomo has ordered, as of Monday night, that “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.”

Coronavirus Testing is being done by the state health department at a **mobile testing unit** at the Stony Brook University campus in Stony Brook. Appointments are required and will be given only to those who meet health department criteria; tests are currently available only to those who have coronavirus symptoms or have been in contact with a confirmed case. Call 1-888-364-3065 to be screened.

An online assessment, for those concerned they might have coronavirus, can be found at covid19screening.health.gov/covid-19-screening. If you meet the criteria you will receive a callback from the state health department to schedule a test.

Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc has requested that testing be made available on the East End.

New York State is seeking FDA approval for a coronavirus antibody test that would provide almost immediate results.

Hospitals have been ordered by Governor Cuomo to immediately increase their capacity by at least 50 percent, with a goal of doubling capacity.

A field hospital will be set up at the campus of Stony Brook University.

At the Governor's order, all elective surgeries have been canceled as of tomorrow.

Stony Brook Southampton Hospital officials have been in regular contact with Supervisor Van Scoyoc. Information on the hospital's coronavirus screening, treatment, and policies, including a hotline number, can be found here:

<https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/patientcare/coronavirus>

Nonessential businesses have been ordered closed as of 8 p.m. on March 22, under Governor Cuomo's "New York on PAUSE" order. A list of businesses considered essential, and information about applying to the state for a waiver for a nonessential business to continue operation, can be found here: <https://esd.ny.gov>

Food and beverage stores and pharmacies will remain open.

East Hampton Town has requested written verification of the status of major business categories. As of today, guidance from the state has indicated that (subject to change) :

- **Landscaping is considered essential**
- **Pool businesses: Maintaining and servicing pools is considered essential**
- **Construction is considered an essential business**

Daycare for the children of essential workers, in particular health care professionals and emergency responders, and including school-age children is being offered by the Eleanor Whitmore Early Childhood Center in East Hampton. EWECC.org

The Town's Human Services Department continues to provide meals and other needed services. Call 631-329-6939

Food Pantries are seeing increased demand and need community support. They are requesting monetary donations only at this time. To donate funds of if you are in need of food, contact the East Hampton Food Pantry, 631-324-2300 (easthamptonfoodpantry.org); the Springs Food Pantry, 631-324-4791 (springsfoodpantry.com), or the Montauk Food Pantry, montaukfoodpantry.org.

Local grocery stores are being restocked regularly.

— Stop & Shop's 6 to 7:30 a.m. early hours are for shoppers who are immunocompromised, in addition to those over age 60. Other East Hampton stores also have dedicated morning hours for vulnerable members of the community.

Vendors exploiting the situation by price gouging are being investigated by the county.

PSEG and National Grid have suspended collection and disconnection efforts for residential customers until the end of April.

The Hampton Jitney has suspended bus service until April 9.

New York State Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders include:

- 90-day moratorium on evictions for residential and commercial tenants
- 90-day mortgage relief to mortgage borrowers impacted by the coronavirus
- Waiver of ATM fees, late fees, overdraft fees, and credit card fees
- Closure of Department of Motor Vehicles offices; expiration dates extended; online business only

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/executiveorders>

The April 15 Income Tax return deadline for federal and state income taxes has been extended until July 15.

Planning for Recovery:

The East Hampton Town Board will be convening a group to address local business needs.

For Business Assistance:

Suffolk County Business Recovery Unit: Dial 311, email business.Recovery@suffolkcountyny.gov, or visit suffolkcountyny.gov/bru.

Federal Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.
<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Information/EIDLLoans>