



CORONAVIRUS Updates

Education

- All schools will remain closed until April 15.
- Local schools and businesses are offering free grab-and-go meals for kids who need them. Contact my office for more info.
- Elementary - and intermediate-level state assessments have been suspended for the remainder of this school year.

Businesses

- To increase social distancing, gyms, movie theaters, barber shops, hair salons, tattoo/piercing parlors, bars, restaurants and casinos are closed temporarily, but restaurants and bars can still provide takeout and delivery services.
- NY State on PAUSE - which stands for Policies Assure Uniform Safety for Everyone - mandates that any businesses not deemed "essential" must keep 100 percent of their workforce home.
- The state is strongly encouraging essential services, such as gas stations, grocery stores, pharmacies and medical facilities, to stay open.

Check with your local grocery store about limited hours and/or special hours for seniors to shop.



Financial Relief

- State debt collection on student debt and medical debt will have payments frozen through at least April 15.
- The Department of Financial Services (DFS) has issued a directive to lenders to provide a 90-day mortgage relief period, starting March 19, and suspend or postpone foreclosures for 90 days for those facing financial hardship because of COVID-19.
- Starting March 20, there is now a 90-day moratorium on commercial and residential evictions.
- New state law allows for sick leave and benefits to quarantined/isolated workers.
- It also eliminates the one-week waiting period for UI claims arising out of workplace closures due to COVID-19.
- The deadline for filing your taxes has been moved from April 15 to July 15.
- NY State of Health is offering a special open enrollment through April 15.

For updates and more information, visit the New York State Department of Health website at www.ny.gov/coronavirus or call 888-364-3065.

Sign up for email updates from the CDC at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/whats-new-all.html