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Larchmont - Mamaroneck - New Rochelle - Port Chester - Rye Brook and Rye

Dear Friends,

As New York moves forward on “[PAUSE](#)” in an effort to combat the spread of coronavirus, I am working closely with my colleagues to address this crisis and support our community and keep you all up to date. *This update includes important new information for small businesses.*

This crises continues to underscore the need for everyone to continue with social distancing and other safety procedures that have been issued. We all protect everyone else by following this guidance.

My staff and I have been working on the daily COVID-19 issues that arise for individuals, school districts, local governments, businesses and not-for-profits. Please call my office at 914-939-7028 if I can be of assistance.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve".

Steve

Important Phone Numbers

- Glen Island COVID-19 test results call BioReference Labs 833-469-5227
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) State Hotline: 1-888-364-3065
- People under self-quarantine or exposure to known case: 866- 588-0195
- NYS Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline: 888-364-3065
- Westchester County COVID-19 Information: Call 211
- 2020 Census help: 844-330-2020

Mental Health Support

For FREE emotional support, consultation, and referral: 844-863-9314

Access the [NYS Health Dept](#), [County Health website](#) or the [CDC website](#)

To donate supplies contact:

COVID19supplies@esd.ny.gov

212-803-3100 - Eric Gertler, Empire State Development, Business Funding

646-522-8477- Simondia Subotic, Executive Chamber

To request supplies email Emergency Operations Center

wceoc@westchestergov.com

Governor Cuomo daily press conferences can be accessed live or on file at:

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

Support For Small Businesses and Middle Class Families

Last week, the federal government passed the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act", a stimulus plan that contains billions in Small Business Administration forgivable loans and grants to assist New York's 2.2 million small businesses and tens of thousands of non-profits, including religious-affiliated entities. For more information and to apply to the federal Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, please visit:

<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

Funds to protect New Yorker's health and economic security include:

- Support for healthcare workers and facilities including \$100 million for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for first responders, billions directly for New York hospitals out of \$100 billion nationally for equipment, supplies, staffing, and construction, \$37.3 million for New York City and New York State in CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness funding to assist health agencies with strategic planning and \$45 million for New York in grants to support state and local police departments to purchase PPE and medical items, support overtime for officers and meet other local needs.
- Financial assistance for middle class, working families, and retirees including an estimated \$15.5 billion in direct payments to New Yorkers and an estimated \$15 billion for New York in Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefits and expanding access for part-time, self-employed, and gig economy workers.
- More than \$2.1 million in Emergency Solutions Grants for Westchester County of \$192 million awarded to New York. Funding will support families and individuals experiencing homelessness, as well as additional homeless assistance to mitigate the impact of the pandemic.

For more information on the federal COVID-19 relief package please click [HERE](#).

Our local communities are stepping up to support their local businesses. Restaurants are open for pickup and delivery. Some online Business Directories have been created for the communities I represent:

- Larchmont/ Mamaroneck Directory of shops and restaurants [HERE](#)
 - Port Chester- Rye Brook- Rye Town Chamber of Commerce [HERE](#)
 - City of New Rochelle Chamber of Commerce [HERE](#)
 - City of Rye Chamber of Commerce [HERE](#)
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NY State on PAUSE

Governor Cuomo has directed all non-essential workers to work from home, & everyone is required to maintain a 6-foot distance.

GET THE FACTS

Unemployment Benefits

NYS is waiving the 7-Day waiting period for Unemployment Insurance benefits for people who are out of work due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) closures or quarantines.

To see if you qualify for unemployment benefits and to apply, please visit the NSY Department of Labor [HERE](#)

Income Tax Filing Deadline Postponed to July 15

The new New York tax filing and tax payment deadline has been extended from **April 15** to **July 15, 2020** consistent with new federal deadlines due to COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance for additional information [HERE](#).

Guidance on the Use of State Parks

State parks remain open while the Department of Environmental Conservation continue to promote social distancing guidelines. For more information on how to responsibly enjoy NY's state parks, please click [HERE](#).

 <p>STAY LOCAL ENJOY OUTDOOR SPACES CLOSE TO HOME. KEEP VISITS SHORT. AVOID TRAVELING TO HIGH-TRAFFIC DESTINATIONS.</p>	 <p>STAY HOME THOSE 70 AND OVER SHOULD POSTPONE VISITING. IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL, STAY HOME.</p>	 <p>GO SMALL AVOID CROWDS AND GROUPS. GO SOLO OR WITH THOSE IN YOUR IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD.</p>	 <p>BE READY MOVE QUICKLY THROUGH AREAS WHERE PEOPLE CONGREGATE SUCH AS PARKING LOTS, TRAILHEADS AND SCENIC OVERLOOKS.</p>
<p>SOCIAL DISTANCING</p>  <p>Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation</p> <p>parks.ny.gov/covid19</p>		 <p>BE SAFE KEEP 6' FEET FROM OTHERS. IF CROWDS ARE FORMING, CHOOSE A DIFFERENT PARK, A DIFFERENT TRAIL OR RETURN ANOTHER TIME/DAY TO VISIT.</p>	

They are on the front lines protecting our health.

Thank you
health care
workers!





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