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SPECIAL COVID-19 UPDATE
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LONG ISLAND REOPENING: WHAT TO KNOW

Phase 1 - In Progress

Currently, all of Long Island including Suffolk County is in Phase 1 reopening. As per the guidelines, the following industries have begun to resume operation:

- Construction
- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
- Retail (curbside or pickup only)
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale Trade

Phase 2 - Scheduled to Begin 6/10

When Suffolk County enters Phase 2, the following will reopen:

- Professional Services
- Retail
- Administrative Support
- Outdoor Restaurant Services
- Real Estate / Rental & Leasing

This week, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that outdoor restaurant dining services have been moved up to Phase 2. The County and towns are working with restaurants for the permitting needed to get those interested open (see page 3 of this newsletter). Accordingly, the New York State Liquor Authority has posted new guidance on outdoor expansion of licensed premises. SLA guidance can be found at <https://sla.ny.gov>

Visit
<https://forward.ny.gov>
For More Information

What Remains Closed

Please keep in mind that, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders, the following businesses still remain closed:

- Malls - specifically, any indoor common portions of retail shopping malls with 100,000 or more square feet of retail space available for lease
- Indoor dine-in restaurant or bar service
- Large gathering/event venues
- Gyms, fitness centers and exercise classes, except for remote or streaming services
- Video lottery and casino gaming facilities
- Movie theaters, except drive-ins
- Places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors

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Suffolk County Updates

Property Tax Deadline Extended

New York State has extended the property tax deadline to June 21 with no penalty and interest. Those paying after the June 1 deadline must remit their payment directly to the Suffolk County Comptroller at 330 Center Drive in Riverhead either by mail or the drop box located in the lobby, open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

Have You Received an Absentee Ballot Application?

Per Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders that allow New Yorkers to vote absentee in the upcoming June 23 primary due to COVID-19, the Suffolk County Board of Elections has mailed every registered voter an absentee ballot application which you should have received by now. The absentee ballot application must either be personally delivered to the Suffolk County Board of Elections in Yaphank no later than June 22 or mailed and postmarked no later than June 16, 2020. If you are a registered voter with a primary election and did not receive an absentee ballot application, please contact the Suffolk County Board of Elections at (631) 852-4500.

Business Recovery Survey

Suffolk County is collecting information about the continued impacts of COVID-19 on businesses. To take the survey and to find additional resources related to business recovery, please visit suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Economic-Development-and-Planning/Business-Recovery-Unit.

New York State Updates

Contact Tracing Underway – Answer the Call!

Tracing exposures to COVID-19 is important to stop the spread of the virus as we move through the reopening phases. The NYS Contact Tracing Program works with confirmed positive COVID-19 people to determine who they have been in contact with. Trained specialists have begun reaching out to those contacts about possible exposure. If you have been identified as a contact you will get a call from "NYS Contact Tracing": (518) 387-9993. Make sure you answer the call so we can stop the spread together!

DMV Resumes Limited Remote Services

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles has begun to process vehicle registrations and other transactions by mail and is now accepting transactions through secure drop boxes located at each office. When regions enter Phase 3 of reopening, DMV will offer limited in-person transactions in state-run DMV offices by reservation only, prioritizing critical services and resuming road tests. For more information please visit www.dmv.ny.gov

Dentists Reopen Statewide

Per Governor Cuomo, dentist offices reopened statewide this week, subject to state guidance for safety and social distancing. Please contact your dentist for more information.

Day Camps to Reopen

Starting June 29, summer day camps can reopen statewide. A decision on sleep-away camps will be made in the coming weeks. Visit <https://forward.ny.gov> for information.

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TOWN UPDATES: REOPENING LOCAL BUSINESSES

Town of Babylon

As restaurants are allowed to resume services outdoor in Phase 2, the Town of Babylon has developed an outdoor permitting process to help businesses follow state guidelines to serve customers in the warmer months. The Town of Babylon is engaging with a Long-Island based engineering firm to develop a plan for weekday dining and weekly street closures. This outdoor permitting process is part of the “Babylon Is Back” program, the Town’s innovative initiative to help businesses get back to work as quickly as possible while protecting employees and customers alike. The Town has identified certain downtowns for plans to be developed. Visit www.townofbabylon.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=883 for more information.

Town of Huntington

The Town of Huntington has established a temporary parking permit system in the Huntington Village Business District, allowing small businesses previously designated as non-essential under New York State on PAUSE to reserve up to three metered parking spaces in front of their establishments to allow for curbside pick-up and delivery and facilitate local economic recovery. The Town is also working on creating a system to more easily enable the outdoor dining permitting process, now allowed under Phase 2. For the latest updates visit www.huntingtonny.gov.

Need a Mask? Our Office is Here to Help!

Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order dated April 15 requires that all New Yorkers wear face coverings in public if social distancing cannot be maintained. I understand many constituents may not have access to face coverings or the required materials to make their own. That is why I am happy to announce my district office is offering face masks in limited quantities to constituents who need them. Please call us at (631) 854-4433 for more information.



Medical Emergency Situations: Know When to Go

Although self-care, telehealth and remote monitoring can help you manage many issues at home and avoid unnecessary trips to the hospital, delaying care when needed is dangerous as well. Northwell Health would like to remind you that it is important to recognize when you are having a medical emergency. Always listen to your body. If you are experiencing chest pain, sudden weakness or numbness in a part of your body, a change in mental status or the worst headache in your life, call an ambulance immediately. If you think you need emergency care, you probably do. Learn more at:

www.northwell.edu/newsroom/insights-clinical-views

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School and Library District Budget and Board Votes – Make Your Voice Heard!

School and library districts across Suffolk County have mailed out absentee ballots for the upcoming vote, per the executive order by Governor Cuomo. All ballots must be delivered in person by 5 pm at the district clerk's office on June 9 or can be mailed but must be received by June 16. Call your school district for more information regarding both school and library elections.

Suffolk Cooperative Library System

While all public library buildings in Suffolk County are currently closed, Suffolk County libraries are committed to serving their communities and are closely monitoring the news and recommendations of health officials about COVID-19. Digital services are available at www.livebrary.com and at your local library's website.

District 17 Library Updates

Deer Park Public Library - The DP library is planning for a summer opening with a date to be determined. The library website contains programs and resources available to its patrons and will be updated when future plans are finalized. www.deerparklibrary.org.

Half Hollow Hills Community Library - *"Physically Closed, Digitally Open,"* the HHH library offers a wide array of programs and resources. A librarian is available Monday through Friday from 1 pm to 6 pm. If you need help, have any questions or comments, call (631) 421-4530 or (631) 421-4535, email hhhcl@hhhlibrary.org, check Facebook, visit Instagram or text (631) 213-7927.

North Babylon Public Library – The NB library is currently closed, but is planning for its summer opening, also with a date still to be finalized. There is a wealth of information on their continually-updated website regarding programs and resources. For help, questions or comments, please email info@northbabylonpl.org. Or, live chat with a librarian Monday through Friday from 1 pm to 5 pm by clicking on the red button "need assistance" at www.northbabylonpl.org.

South Huntington Public Library - The SH library staff is currently cleaning, updating systems and preparing the building for what they hope will be a July 6 opening! They plan to begin curbside pickup, book returns in the book drop and telephone reference assistance on June 15. In the meantime, its expansive virtual programs continue! Please check out the website calendar for programs offered, as well as more details on the opening. www.shpl.info.



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