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91st Assembly District
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April 17, 2020

Dear Friends,

This week Governor Cuomo extended NY on PAUSE until May 15th requiring all non-essential businesses and schools to remain closed. For additional guidance on Essential Services or to apply to be considered essential, please see the links I have included below.

The Governor also issued a new order regarding the [wearing of masks or face coverings in public places](#) when you are unable to maintain a social distance.

Specifically the executive order states, "Effective at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2020 any individual who is over age two and able to medically tolerate a face-covering shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or cloth face-covering when in a public place and unable to maintain, or when not maintaining, social distance."

The process for accessing unemployment benefits continues to have challenges, although improvements have been made. Hundreds of thousands of applications have been completed with over 200,000 still to be processed. The volume of applications is being addressed with over a thousand Department of Labor caseworkers now working through the backlog. Many applicants have more complicated issues that the DOL is working through. If you are having trouble completing your application, please contact our office. Assisting with the unemployment insurance application process has been a major focus of my staff and mine in recent weeks.

I hope this and the other resource information included here is helpful. Please call my office at [914-939-7028](tel:914-939-7028) if I can be of assistance on new issues that arise.

Warm regards,

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
- Domestic violence helpline 800-942-6906

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 sell or donate goods or services to NYS, 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>



Unemployment Benefits

Last week the Department of Labor revamped their website to make it easier to access. They also eliminated the call requirement to complete online unemployment benefits application and are instead calling applicants when necessary. If you receive a call from a private number or [518-704-2704](tel:518-704-2704) please respond. This is the outgoing number from the Department of Labor attempting to reach you to complete your application.

To see if you qualify for unemployment benefits and to apply, please visit the NYS Department of Labor [HERE](#) *If you need assistance, please contact our office at 914-939-7028 or OtisS@nyassembly.gov*

Guidance for Self Employed Individuals

Expanded Unemployment Benefits

- New Yorkers who receive unemployment benefits will start getting an additional \$600 per week
- Benefits are retroactive to an individual's last date of employment
- The benefit period will be extended by thirteen weeks

Federal COVID-19 Relief Package

For additional information on the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, as well as details on relief and recovery resources for individuals and businesses please click [HERE](#)

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](#)

Governor Cuomo extended NY State on PAUSE until May 15th. School and non-essential businesses will remain closed until then.

Click [HERE](#) for updated guidance on workforce reduction and essential services.

Masks or Face Coverings Now Required in NY State

Governor Cuomo announced he will issue an Executive Order [requiring a mask or a face covering](#) be worn by people (ages 2 and up) out in public in NY and when social distancing cannot be maintained, such as public transportation. For more information please visit [HERE](#)

[How NOT to Wear a Mask](#)

Guidance for [Essential Services](#) including grocery stores, employers, childcare workers, [voting](#), [cleaning](#) recommendations and several other areas, and recent Executive Orders are constantly being updated. Please visit [What You Need to Know](#) for the latest guidance.

SNAP Benefits

To help New Yorkers provide for their families, the state made \$200 million in emergency funding available to expand SNAP benefits, enabling all eligible recipients to receive the maximum benefit amount in April. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

How to Help

- [Community Resource Center](#) - in Mamaroneck is helping some of the most vulnerable families in our area. To donate supplies or funds please visit their website.
- [Area Food Pantries](#) - need our support. Please visit their websites to see how you can help:
 - [Larchmont/Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force](#)
 - [Don Bosco Community Center](#) Port Chester
 - [Meals on Wheels](#) of New Rochelle
 - [Meals on Wheels](#) of Rye and Rye Brook
 - [Feeding Westchester](#)
 - [The Carver Center](#) in Port Chester
 - [Bread of Life](#) in Rye
- [Hack the Pandemic](#) - started by a Mamaroneck High School student, is 3D printing face shields for healthcare workers. To support their efforts with monetary donations or volunteer your time to distribute supplies, please visit their website.
- [Sew for NY](#) - Connecting volunteers who can sew with area hospitals who needs supplies including masks.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is experiencing a blood shortage due to several cancelled blood drives and encourages eligible New York residents make an appointment to give blood as soon as possible.

Donors can use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit www.RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.



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