Community Update from Assemblyman Steve Otis

Dear Friends,

This community update includes links on how to track positive Covid-19 incidents at public schools or SUNY campuses. These schools are now required to report positive tests on a regular basis.

Also included is the information you need to vote via early voting, absentee voting or in person on November 3rd. Plan your voting method now to avoid lines and delays. If you have not registered to vote it is not too late. The registration deadline is October 9. Make sure everyone in your family is registered. A link is included below.

Friday marked nineteen years since September 11, 2001, and enormous loss of friends and neighbors is felt throughout the year. Westchester communities suffered great loss, and the tragedies continue as first responders and others pass away with 9/11 related illnesses.

The annual gatherings on September 11th are very important as a day when we share that loss together and honor those taken from us as a community. They continue to live in our memories of happier days with them and in remembrance of the lives they lived.

Warm regards,

Steve

Governor Cuomo Announces School Reporting Requirements and Online Dashboard to Track COVID-19

Governor Cuomo announced that New York school districts will be required to provide the Department of Health with daily data on the number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 in each school beginning Tuesday, Sept. 8.

The information will be publicly available on a new online dashboard developed by the Department of Health, found here, where school district have now begun to post their information.

SUNY Covid-19 Dashboard

Governor Cuomo and SUNY Chancellor Jim Malatras have announced the launch of a SUNY system-wide COVID-19 case tracker dashboard. The centralized dashboard will provide real time, up-to-date information on COVID-19 cases, testing, and quarantine and isolation space availability across SUNY's 64 colleges and universities to more efficiently monitor, respond to, and contain the virus.

The COVID-19 Case Tracker dashboard will provide a case count for SUNY and for individual campuses. The data will be reported by campuses every 24 hours and added to the dashboard daily.

Guidance for Indoor Dining in New York City

Governor Cuomo announced that indoor dining in NYC will be allowed to resume beginning September 30 with 25% occupancy. Temperature checks will be required at the door for all customers and diners will be required to provide contact information for tracing if needed. Masks must be worn when not seated and tables must be 6 feet apart. Restaurants should operate with enhanced air filtration, ventilation and purification standards, Additional guidance information is available [HERE](#).

Governor Cuomo Announces $88.6 Million in Cares Act Funding Available to Assist Child Care Providers During COVID-19 Pandemic

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced $88.6 million in federal CARES Act funding is available to assist childcare providers through NY Forward grants as they adjust their programs amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is in addition to $30 million made available in the spring and $48.3 million recently awarded to assist childcare providers with reopening or restructuring their physical plans to meet new social distancing requirements.

The application period opens next week through December 31 and is available [HERE](#).

Reminder: Latest Updates on Ways to Vote Absentee

To vote with an absentee ballot you must request the ballot and then return the ballot after you complete it. Ballots may be returned to any early voting location.

To request a ballot online go to the New York State Board of Elections new Absentee Ballot Application Portal to request your ballot online. Click through the web form to request the absentee ballot, which will be sent to you in the mail.

NYS Absentee Ballot Application Portal

You can also choose to download the application and mail or deliver it to the Westchester County Board of Elections.

Absentee Ballot Application - Download Form

Other methods of requesting an absentee ballot:

- By sending an email request: BOE-WestAbsentee@westchestergov.com
- By sending a fax request to (914) 995-7753 or (914) 995-3190
- By going in-person to the Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601
- By mailing a paper absentee ballot application to the Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601

- By phoning the Westchester County Board of Elections at (914) 995-5285

Deadlines for absentee ballots are: Oct 27th to apply by email or online, and Nov 2nd to apply in person. Ballots must be postmarked by Nov 3rd. For more absentee ballot information CLICK HERE

Vote Early

Early Voting Times and Locations

The Westchester County Board of Elections has announced the times and locations for Early Voting polling sites ahead of the November 3rd General Election.

As noted above regarding absentee ballots, you can also return your completed absentee ballot to any of these early voting locations on these dates and times.

All registered voters are eligible to cast their ballot early during the Early Voting period between **Saturday, October 24th and Sunday, November 1st**. Registered voters can go to any of the designated Early Voting polling sites to vote. If you prefer to vote on Election Day, you must vote at your assigned polling site for your Election District.

Early Voting Times:

- Saturday, October 24: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 25: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 26: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 27: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 28: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 29: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 30: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- Saturday, October 31: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 1: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Early Voting Locations:

- Eastchester Public Library, 11 Oakridge Place, Eastchester, NY 10709
- Dobbs Ferry Village Hall, 112 Main Street, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
- Greenburgh Town Hall, 177 Hillside Avenue, White Plains, NY 10607
- Veterans Memorial Building, 210 Halstead Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528
- Pound Ridge Town House, 179 Westchester Avenue, Pound Ridge, NY 10576
- Mamaroneck Town Center, 740 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, NY 10543
- Mt. Kisco Memorial Complex at Leonard Park, 1 Wallace Drive, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549
- Mt. Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla, NY 10595
- Mt. Vernon City Hall, 1 Roosevelt Square, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550
- New Rochelle City Hall Annex, 90 Beaufort Place, New Rochelle, NY 10801
- Joseph G. Caputo Community Center, 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562
- Peekskill Nutrition Center, Neighborhood Center, 4 Nelson Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566
- Somers Town House, 335 Route 202, Somers, NY 10589
- Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601
- Grinton I. Will Library, 1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710
- Riverfront Library, One Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701
- Yorktown Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce Street, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

Voter Registration Deadline October 9

If you are not registered to vote, or you know someone who is not registered, the deadline to register is October 9 to be eligible to vote in the November election.

Voter Registration Form

Covid-19 Travel Advisory Updates

New York, and a number of other states, maintain restrictions on individuals traveling from high Covid-19 infection states. The advisory requires individuals who have traveled to New York from areas with significant community spread to quarantine for 14 days. States are added or removed from the list based upon changing statistics.

The updated list of restricted states can be found HERE
To find a COVID testing site near you, click HERE