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December 14, 2020

Dear Friends,

Last Thursday we held our second Port Chester COVID-19 Virtual Summit, a Spanish language version, which I helped organize with Senator Shelley Mayer, Port Chester Mayor Fritz Falanka and County Legislator Nancy Barr. The English language version was held the previous week. Port Chester Village Trustees Luis Marino and Alex Payan spoke on behalf of the village at this Summit.

The goal of these presentations, from State and County officials, is to promote best practices and strategies to combat the growing number of cases in Port Chester as well as resources available for families affected. Both videos are linked below.

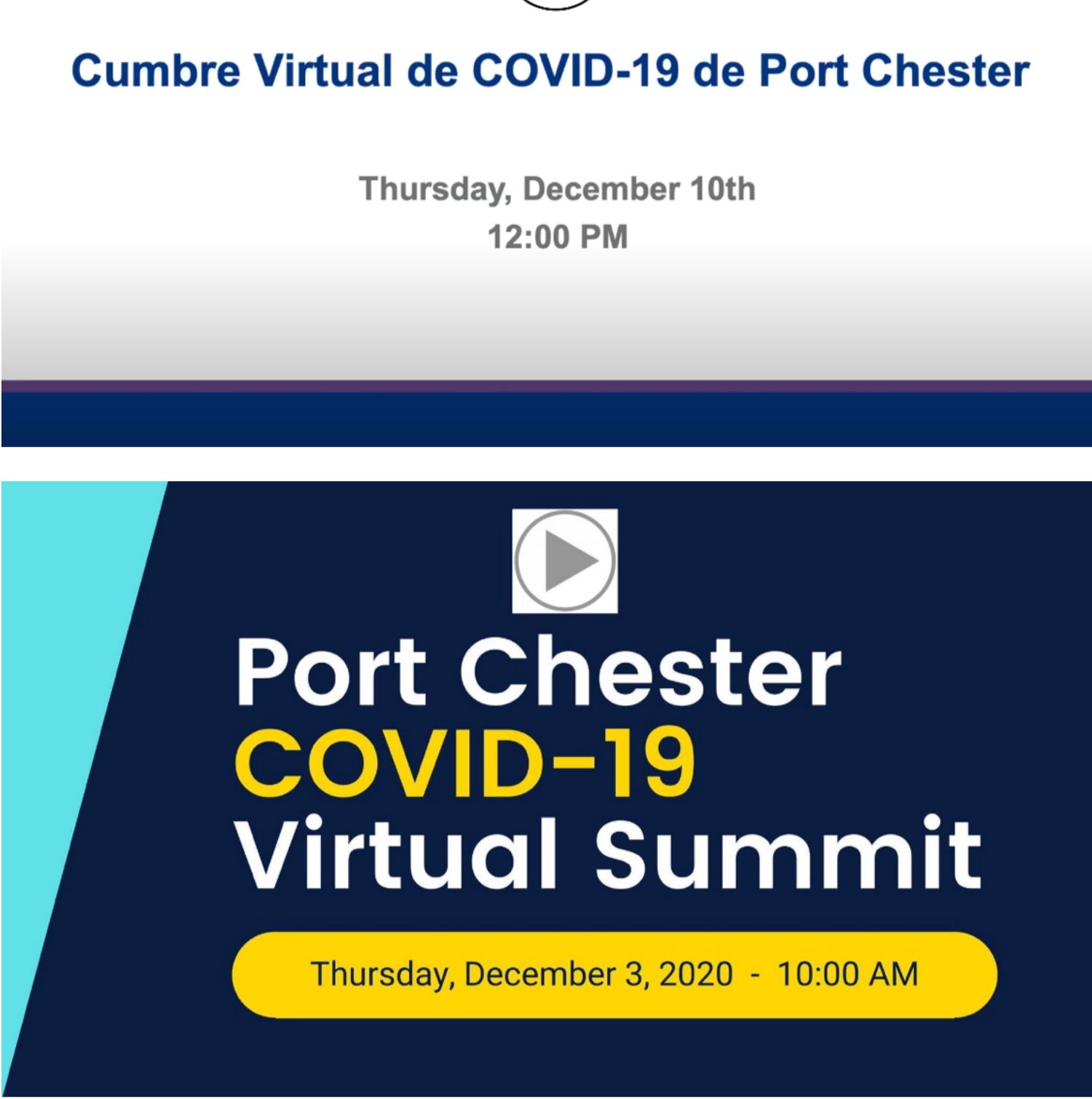
It is vitally important that we continue to share information about safe practices to prevent the spread of the virus, how to get tested, and key information about what to do if you test positive. I am continuing my efforts to help make the information known. Please share this newsletter with others in your network who may find it useful.

We have also learned, through the state's Contact Tracing Program, that 70% of recent infections are coming from small gatherings in homes or other small settings. Senator Mayer and I are advocating for the safe opening of businesses that have demonstrated an ability to operate safely. On Friday, the Governor and the Department of Health relaxed restrictions on small fitness centers and personal care businesses and salons because evidence shows that these businesses are not a major source of spread. We continue to make the case for other businesses in Westchester including restaurants. Safety protocols and reduced capacity have made CDC compliant operation a viable option for some businesses. The State Department of Health has modified rules and restrictions based upon the latest information and the advocacy of state legislators, local officials and business leaders.

Better public health practices work—wear a mask, socially distance, wash your hands, get tested and stop the spread. Please contact my office at 914-939-7028 if I can be of assistance.

Warm regards,

Steve



Mobile Covid Testing in Port Chester This Week

Testing will be available from 10am- 6pm

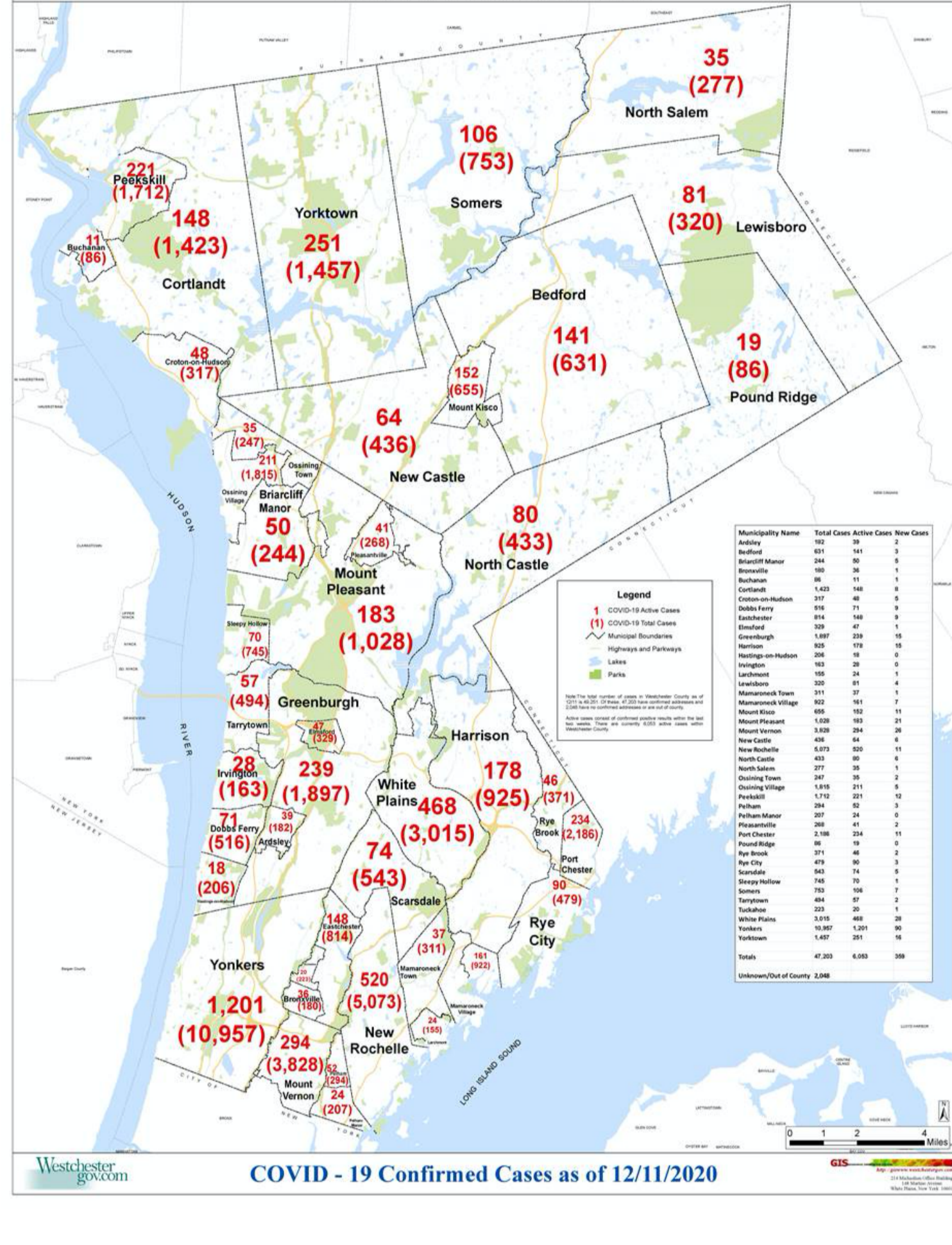
- Wednesday, Dec 16: Port Chester Municipal Parking Lot behind Neri Bakery; Port Chester

Registration- [CLICK HERE](#) to register online for a testing appointment or by calling (914) 202-4530

Results - After patients are scheduled for their appointment, they will receive a link to join WMC's MyCare Patient Portal. Through the Portal, patients will be able to obtain a copy of their results. If a patient is positive, WMC will call them directly.

Insurance – Patients will be asked to provide insurance information if they have it, but they do not need insurance to obtain a test. There is no co-pay for a COVID-19 test and individuals will not be billed.

Westchester Resources
To find a testing site near you and to make an appointment, please visit the NY State Health Department or call the New York State COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-364-3065.
Testing is free for all New Yorkers at NYS run test sites.
Find a Test Site Near You
For help with quarantine and isolation, call 866-588-0195
Covid-19 testing information 888-364-3065
Westchester County General COVID-19 Information – United Way 211
County Health Department COVID-19 Information page HERE
Free flu shots Saturday and Sunday at the County Center. Register HERE



New York Forward Small Business Lease Assistance Partnership

This week, Governor Cuomo announced the New York Forward Small Business Lease Assistance partnership, a public-private partnership between Empire State Development, Start Small Think Big and the New York State Bar Association. It will provide small businesses and landlords with pro bono legal assistance to renegotiate lease terms in the wake of Covid-19.

Recognizing the economic impact of COVID-19, this program will provide small businesses and their landlords with informational resources and pro bono assistance to help both parties reach mutually-beneficial lease workout agreements. This service is available to all New York State small businesses and landlords. Participation is voluntary.

The Small Business Lease Assistance Partnership website includes information on the lease renegotiation process and details the different types of lease workouts available. Those interested in pro bono assistance to initiate a lease renegotiation are encouraged to review and complete the partnership's intake form. After completing the form, each small business will receive an email detailing an estimated timeline for placement with a volunteer attorney. Once matched, the volunteer attorney will email the applicant to schedule an appointment.

The partnership is also the latest resource that furthers New York State's commitment to supporting small businesses struggling in the wake of COVID-19. In October, Governor Cuomo launched Empire State Digital, a new initiative accelerating New York State-based small businesses' ability to grow their online presence through a first-in-the-nation program with leading global e-commerce enablers, offering specialized solutions unique to the needs of the state's small businesses. Additionally, the New York Forward Loan Fund continues to provide working capital loans of up to \$100,000 to help small businesses and non-profit organizations reopen.

NYS Cluster Action Initiative

The Cluster Action Initiative focuses attention on communities of concern based upon specific metrics and establishes guidance and resources to reduce infection rates and downgrade zone classification. The NYS Department of Health established these zones based upon statistics and the zones are adjusted, grown, or reduced based upon daily tracking of infections, hospitalizations, deaths, and density statistics. With improved statistics, a number of zone areas across the state have had their zone status downgraded or removed.

Maps of Cluster Zones

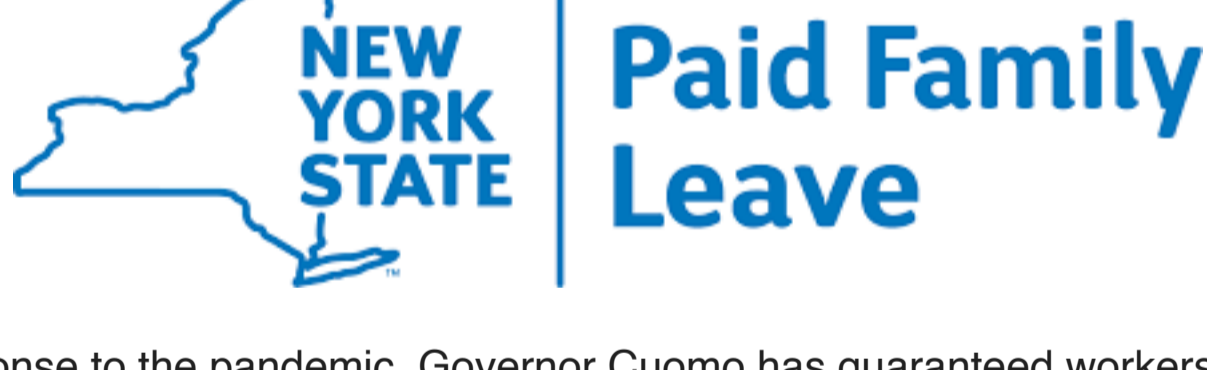
School and College COVID-19 Dashboard Available Online

Governor Cuomo has required that all schools, including private schools and colleges, report COVID-19 cases to the NYS Department of Health on a daily basis.

School and University Covid-19 Statewide Tracker

NYS Winter Plan to Combat COVID-19

Last week, Governor Cuomo announced New York's plan for combating COVID-19 this winter. Over the past week, Governor Cuomo and the state's COVID Task Force have worked in consultation with global public health experts, local governments and other stakeholders to ensure that the plan builds off the lessons learned during the past nine months in order to anticipate and prepare for an expected increase in COVID cases and hospitalizations over the holiday season. Read more about the state's plan HERE. (Spanish)



In response to the pandemic, Governor Cuomo has guaranteed workers job protection and financial compensation in the event they, or their minor dependent children, are subject to a mandatory or precautionary order of quarantine or isolation issued by the state of New York, the Department of Health, local board of health, or any government entity duly authorized to issue such order due to COVID-19.

Most employees will get financial compensation by using a combination of benefits, which may include new employer-provided paid sick leave (depending on the size of the business), Paid Family Leave and disability benefits. These benefits are not available to employees who are able to work through remote access or other means.

Paid Family Leave may also be used to care for a family member who has contracted COVID-19, which may qualify as a serious health condition. If your employer does not provide the required paid sick leave, you may file a complaint with the NYS Department of Labor. For more information visit: Guidance For Obtaining An Order For Mandatory Or Precautionary Quarantine.

Opportunities to Help Others During the Holidays

Find a local food program

Some local food programs and soup kitchens include:

- Larchmont-Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force
- Hope Community Services (New Rochelle)
- Salvation Army
- Carver Center (Port Chester)
- Don Bosco (Port Chester)
- Giving Tree of Life (Rye)

Clothing Drives

- Sharing Shelf, Children's clothing, Port Chester
- Community Resource Center, Mamaroneck

"PAULA'S PALS" 10th Annual Coat Drive

New or clean, reusable coats (both child and adult) can be dropped off at collection boxes located at the Rye Brook Recreation Office in Village Hall or at the AJP Community Center (32 Garibaldi Pl, Rye Brook) during regular business hours until Friday, December 18th. For more information, please contact Rye Brook Recreation at (914) 939-3235.

Salvation Army "ADOPT-A-FAMILY" Program

Anyone 18 years or older may consider participating in the Salvation Army's "Adopt a Family" program. To participate, please email Shan Mellillo at the Village Administration Office at smellillo@ryebrook.org and request to receive an "Adopt a Family" form to submit to the Salvation Army of Port Chester.

Support Local Businesses



Proteja a su comunidad del COVID-19.
Todos deben cooperar.
- Quéidese en casa si no se siente bien.
- Participe en controles de temperatura y evaluaciones de síntomas cuando vaya a espacios públicos.
- Use coberturas para la cara cuando no esté en casa.
- Cuando esté con personas que no sean de su grupo familiar, mantenga 6 pies entre usted y los demás.
- Lávese las manos con frecuencia con agua y jabón por 20 segundos cada vez.
- Si usted o un ser querido se encuentran cerca de alguien que tiene COVID-19, evite ir a que él/ella toque.
- No salga de su casa, excepto para recibir atención médica. Evite tomar autobuses, metros y taxis.
- Separe de otras personas en su casa tanto como sea posible. Si es posible, confínelos en una habitación separada.
- No comparta artículos con su grupo familiar. Use un baño separado. Si es posible, comparta un baño, limpia y desinfecta después de usarlo.
- No toque a las mascotas.
- No prepare comida y sirva sus platos a otras personas.
- Evite recibir de niños y adultos mayores, si es posible.
Los síntomas pueden aparecer de 2 a 14 días después de la exposición al virus. Los personas con estos síntomas pueden tener COVID-19:
- Fiebre o escalofríos
- Tos
- Falta de aire o dificultad para respirar
- Fatiga
- Dolores musculares o corporales
- Dolor de cabeza
- Nueva pérdida de gusto u olfato
- Dolor de garganta
- Congestión o secreción nasal
- Náuseas o vómitos
- Diarrea
Manténgase actualizado www.health.ny.gov/coronavirus
Department of Health

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