

North Haven Village Update on COVID-19

North Haven Village Board and staff have been receiving daily updates from Suffolk County and the Town of Southampton regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Here is information for you about the pandemic on the East End and North Haven, followed by changes we have made to Village operations as a result of the latest NY State directives.

The number of confirmed COVID-29 cases in Suffolk County has been growing rapidly, as it is nationally and in NY State: On March 13th the County reported 28 confirmed cases and by March 22nd there were 911.

There have been 9 deaths in Suffolk County. Six individuals were in their 90's and one in the 80's. All had underlying health conditions and were in mandatory isolation at local hospitals. Two have not been identified.

There are no confirmed cases in North Haven as of Friday. Locally there are 11 cases in Southampton Town, 4 in East Hampton Town, 1 on Shelter Island and 64 in the Town of Southold.

Suffolk County has been ramping up testing for COVID-19 and now has test sites at Stonybrook Hospital in Stonybrook and at Jones Beach.

Residents who have symptoms should **contact their healthcare professional or call the hotline at 1-888-364-3065** for advice on testing.

For the most recent local information, residents should consult the county website at <https://suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Health-Services/Health-Bulletins/Novel-Coronavirus>, and for the most current federal information, please consult <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

As you may know, in NY State, Governor Cuomo has signed the "New York State on Pause" Executive order. Here are the key points of this order, intended to reduce the spread of the virus:

1. Non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason (e.g. parties, celebrations or other social events) are canceled or postponed at this time;
2. Any concentration of individuals outside their home must be limited to workers providing essential services and social distancing should be practiced;
3. When in public individuals must practice social distancing of at least six feet from others;

4. Businesses and entities that provide other essential services must implement rules that help facilitate social distancing of at least six feet;
5. Individuals should limit outdoor recreational activities to non-contact and avoid activities where they come in close contact with other people;
6. Individuals should limit use of public transportation to when absolutely necessary and should limit potential exposure by spacing out at least six feet from other riders;
7. Sick individuals should not leave their home unless to receive medical care and only after a telehealth visit to determine if leaving the home is in the best interest of their health;
8. Young people should also practice social distancing and avoid contact with vulnerable populations; and
9. Use precautionary sanitizer practices such as using isopropyl alcohol wipes.

As a result, North Haven Village had cancelled all Board meetings, and North Haven Village Hall will be closed to visitors. Village Hall Staff is available via phone a 631-725-1378 to answer any questions. Our recreational facilities are closed including the Playground, basketball and tennis courts.

This week the Village Board and staff will be working on a process to, if possible, resume Board Meetings and public hearings via teleconferencing and we will be defining the duties that the building inspector may continue based on the current State guidelines. This is a rapidly developing and changing situation and the village will continue to update the information as needed.

For the past year we have been collecting resident's e-mail addresses so we can communicate quickly about important North Haven Village items. Our list is not complete so please forward this to friends and neighbors and I encourage everyone to sign up for these communications. In addition, we are requesting that Village Homeowner Association Presidents please forward this to their members.