



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR - KEVIN HAY

Dear Resident-

The Town of North Castle is closely monitoring the situation regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). State and Federal agencies such as the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are providing updated information and the Town will continue to engage with other surrounding communities, members of Westchester County Department of Health, and local health care professionals.

At this time the risk of becoming infected in Westchester County remains low, contrary to many media reports. Please continue to go about your daily life as you always would practicing the same precautions that you would during cold and flu season.

The following are answers to some commonly asked questions about the Coronavirus:

Am I likely to become infected with COVID-19?

Currently, the risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 in Westchester County remains low. There is one known confirmed case of COVID-19 in New York State. If cases were to occur in our area, most people are likely to experience mild to moderate disease with full recovery. In addition to staying informed, you can reduce your risk of becoming infected by following the same precautions as you take during cold and flu season.

How Does 2019 Coronavirus Spread?

Many of the initial patients with COVID-19 in China had links to a large seafood and live animal market, suggesting animal-to-person spread. However, cases being reported at this time have been occurring through person-to-person spread. The virus is thought to spread mainly:

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

The most common symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure, and even death.

What should I do if I (or someone I know) traveled to an area where COVID-19 is spreading?

If you recently traveled to China, or another area where COVID-19 is spreading, or have been in close contact with someone who has confirmed COVID-19 and you feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, you should call your health care provider. **If you need to go to your doctor's office or an emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.** You should also avoid contact with others.

Who can be tested for COVID-19?

At this time, anyone who has traveled to an area where COVID-19 is spreading and does not have symptoms will not be considered for testing. The CDC has developed specific criteria for who can be tested for COVID-19. As the situation evolves, the criteria may change. For the most current testing criteria, visit the [CDC Evaluating and Reporting Persons Under Investigation \(PUI\) webpage](#).

What can I do to protect myself?

You should go about your daily life, but take the same precautions that you would during cold and flu season:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Will wearing a surgical mask protect me from COVID-19?

Surgical masks do not protect the person wearing the mask from infection with COVID-19. Surgical masks should only be worn by people showing symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of disease to others. In addition, N95 respirator masks are not recommended for the general public and should only be worn by health care workers who have been properly fitted for them.

Should I travel during the COVID-19 outbreak?

If you are planning to travel, visit the [CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information for Travel webpage](#) for the latest travel advisories related to COVID-19.

Where Can I Get More Information?

We encourage you to keep up to date about COVID-19, its treatment and prevention by visiting

the following websites:

Center for Disease Control 2019-nCoV website

<https://www.cdc.gov/nCoV>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html>

NYS Department of Health Coronavirus Hotline

1-888-364-3065

NYS Department of Health Coronavirus Website

<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus>

Westchester County Department of Health Website

<https://health.westchestergov.com/>

The Town of North Castle will continue to monitor the situation with regard to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and provide updated information as necessary.

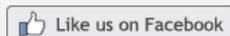
Thank you,

Sincerely,

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