

From the Mayor's Desk...March 5, 2020

COVID-19 Update

I am sure you are aware that there are cases of COVID-19 here in Westchester County. The purpose of my email today is to assure you that our Village and its first responders are closely monitoring the situation and are preparing for any necessary response. On Tuesday, I participated in a call organized by Westchester County to update and inform elected officials on the status of the COVID-19 cases in Westchester. Additionally, I reached out directly to County Executive George Latimer, who is doing an exemplary job to ensure we have the most up to date information available. So, I want to repeat again that your elected officials, staff and volunteers are working closely with agencies on all levels of government to ensure we stay fully informed in what seems to be an ever-evolving situation.

After the virus itself, the next most dangerous thing about COVID-19 is misinformation. As you likely know, I am not a doctor, so I've found it helpful to take my lead from health professionals. The New York State Department of Health has set up a hotline where experts are available to answer questions regarding COVID-19. The hotline number is (888) 364-3065. Westchester County has also put together a helpful [information bulletin and update](#). In addition to the sources mentioned above, the Federal Center for Disease Control has a comprehensive and regularly updated website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

There is no reason to panic, but there is reason to be prepared. That is what the Village of Irvington is doing and what I am doing with my family. So, thoroughly wash your hands, stay home if you are sick, cover your mouth with your elbow when you sneeze or cough, and read some well-sourced information. Information and preparation are our greatest assets as we get through this interesting and perhaps challenging time together.

As always, never hesitate to reach out with questions, comments or concerns about the Village.

Sincerely,

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