



A Message from Mayor Siry

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Greetings,

Although we may be limited in how we work and socialize these days I hope you are enjoying this day in good health and in good spirits. Let's all focus take good care of ourselves, physically and emotionally, remembering to keep a work/life balance and staying in touch with friends and neighbors safely (thank goodness for the technology we have today!)

For anyone who is alone or may be in distress emotionally, please know there is help. Call NYS's hotline 1-844-863-9314 for mental health counselling or the County's 311 help line to connect with a host of services counselling and support for depression, addiction, abuse, etc.

Each day the Trustees and I participate in telephone calls with our County leadership and other municipalities to get you the latest information concerning COVID-19. This information is constantly evolving, including the list of essential services. See esd.ny.gov for a complete list.

As of 3/25/20, there have been 2,260 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Suffolk County, up by 380 the day before. 206 have been hospitalized. Certainly, these numbers will rise before we reach a plateau. Regrettably, some of our neighbors in Amityville do have the virus (the County is expected to start releasing localized maps soon). We just learned of the devastating loss of a local resident, who was just 50 years old, and **we cannot stress enough that this affects all age groups**. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family.

Good advice comes to us from one hospitalized Amityville resident who posted, "Everyone please take this virus seriously. Stay inside your home. Don't be a selfish person and don't think you'll not infect anyone like your neighbor, or the person walking their dog, or the convenience store owner or gas attendant..."

As these numbers continue to climb, NY State is on pause. I urge everyone to help flatten the curve, and manage the demands on our hospitals and health care resources.

While our first responders are working 24/7 to protect for your family's well-being, I ask that you do the same and limit your exposure to the virus by going out only when necessary. One way you can do this is **designate one person to do the food shopping for your family**, and make less frequent trips to the grocery store. This will help everyone to have less potential exposure. I think it was the US Surgeon General who advised, that if we approach our days as though we have the virus we would be less likely to go out and expose others to it.

We're seeing positive things come out of this terrible crisis, as we seem to become kinder and more appreciative of the lives we enjoy, the people we love, and all the everyday heroes who are working on our behalf. From the supermarket cashier to the sanitation worker, regardless of our jobs, we are all essential and contribute so much to each other and our Village!

Thank you, and please stay healthy!

Mayor Dennis Siry