

# UPDATE FROM NORTH ELBA SUPERVISOR JAY RAND

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Dear Citizens of North Elba,

**We made it through the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend** and were blessed with beautiful weather. Many of the lodging establishments reported nearly full capacity, and it seemed that the empty street syndrome was old news as Main Street was bustling with people and parking was soon a precious commodity.

It was great to see more **shops and restaurants open for business**, and it appeared that people are becoming more comfortable patronizing local establishments. Personally, I have gone out for meals several times and was impressed how the management and patrons were very conscientious about following NYS Directives, including: staff wearing masks at all times, patrons wearing masks unless seated, tables spaced at least 6 feet apart, and proper sanitizing of chairs and tables between diners. Most customers seemed aware of protocols and were abiding by them with little direction.

I have honestly never seen more boats, floats and people on **Mirror Lake** and I heard the same report about **Lake Placid**. Kudos to the **Lake Placid Public Beach Life Guards and Park District staff** who are under strict NYS Directives to maintain 50% of capacity on the beach itself in order to accommodate 10' spacing between group users, etc. Depending on the family size occupying each designated square, this number has varied between 75-100 people.

It is important to note the section of the beach where boats are normally launched from (near the tennis courts) is not within the swimming beach boundaries, but it is still on Village property. This section, due to the aforementioned beach space restrictions, became very congested with people wanting to get in the water. **No swimming signs are now posted in this area as it is outside of the permitted swimming area.**

**Hiking trails** are also extremely congested in some locations. In particular along Route 73, Cascade and Giant Mountains were overwhelmed, and that is still without our Canadian friends. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation provides many suggestions for alternative trails throughout the Eastern Adirondacks and Lake Champlain area; <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7798.html>. Check out Hikes Outside of the Adirondack High Peaks: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/9163.html>.

As you may assume, the most frequent complaint I receive is that people are **not wearing masks on Main Street and while walking around Mirror Lake**. Unfortunately, in spite of signage and other means of getting the message out it is evident only approximately 50% of people are wearing masks. It is a very difficult issue as the directive states they are not mandatory if maintaining a 6' of distancing and is not a directive if from the same household. At times people are able to maintain proper distance, but are often forced closer due to congestion. We are always seeking improved means of communications to encourage mask wearing as it is so important to public safety. I ask all of you, **please lead by example and wear your masks** while on Main Street and walking around Mirror Lake.

The NY Pause Directive mandates that indoor staff dealing with the public must wear masks and it is up to each business to set their rules in terms of customer requirements. Again, let's lead by example and always have our masks on when in public spaces. **We owe it to our local businesses to keep them open and their employees safe.**

As is stated on the [www.forward.ny.gov](http://www.forward.ny.gov) website an anonymous **complaint can be issued by calling 383-789-0470**. Your complaint will remain confidential. Townships are notified of the complaint by the County Sherriff's Department, and then a Notice of Violation is served to the responsible person or business by the Police or Building Code's office.

Governor Cuomo **added three additional states to the travel advisory** list: Delaware, Kansas and Oklahoma. Individuals traveling these states will be **required to quarantine for 14 days**. To date the states included are: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah.

**Adirondack Health Testing Information and Appointments (518-897-2462)**

**Testing** is still a critical part of the requirements to keep us moving forward. Visit <https://www.adirondackhealth.org/covid-testing> for the most up to date hours and locations for testing.

Stay up to date on data for the North Country Region at <https://forward.ny.gov/percentage-positive-results-region-dashboard>.

**Local Positive COVID-19 Data:**

	<b>Essex County</b>	<b>North Elba</b>
July 1, 2020	59	9
July 10, 2020	68	9

This past week **Assemblyman Dan Stec** made a special visit to Lake Placid for the purposes of discussing reopening problems and concerns with various businesses in Lake Placid. I had the pleasure of escorting Assemblyman Stec and his assistant Deb Capezzuti around town. Many valid and useful points were brought up and Assemblyman Stec was most appreciative for time spent.

Based upon previous calls concerning mini golf, the final visit was to **Boots and Birdies mini-golf** where all of us expressed joy and relief over the long awaited reopening approval.

The NYS Department of Health announced that nursing homes and **long-term care facilities in New York will be allowed to resume limited visitations** for facilities that have been without a positive COVID-19 patient for at least 28 days. Visits are limited to 2 people per resident. Temperature checks, PPE, social distancing required.

Important reminder to **short-term rental owners: the Host Compliance short-term online rental registration program is LIVE**. Short-term rental owners have until July 31<sup>st</sup> to submit an online application.

Prior to starting the application, it is suggested that you have all your application materials ready.

Application materials include: (relevant forms and details are available on the North Elba STR webpage, <http://www.northelba.org/?page=government/code-enforcement/short-term-rental>):

- Site plan
- Information and signature page for all members with ownership interest
- 24/7 Emergency Contact information
- Essex County Room Occupancy Tax Registration Certificate
- Type of STR
- Parcel identification number

- Map and description of parking plan provided to guests
- Chimney inspection report (if applicable)
- Septic inspection report (if applicable)
- Copy of Deed

To complete the application please visit: <https://secure.hostcompliance.com/north-elba-ny/permit-registration>

Additional information and daily postings may be found on the [Town of North Elba Website](#), the [Town of North Elba Facebook](#) page, the [Lake Placid Village Facebook](#) page and [Friends of Jay Rand Facebook](#) page.

Relevant local information updates, including outdoor restaurant openings, restaurants offering take-out, retail stores opening and/or offering curbside pick-up, and all new developments as well as this newsletter can be received by subscribing to the [Lake Placid Insider](#).

**STAY SAFE AND BE SMART.**

**FOLLOW NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES AND THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS.**

**LIMIT GROUP GATHERINGS, WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH WARM WATER AND SOAP OR HAND SANITIZERS WITH AT LEAST 60% ALCOHOL, WEAR MASKS IN PUBLIC, ETC.**