

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM NORTH ELBA SUPERVISOR JAY RAND

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Dear Citizens of North Elba,

Ready, Set, Whoa! As written in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise in regard to the Opening of Phase 2. Yes, our North Country Region has made it through the two-week Phase 1 period while maintaining all of the mandated metrics and with a comparatively low number of 52 total Positive COVID – 19 cases in Essex County to date. However, at the eleventh hour the Governor decided to delay Phase 2 in all regions. The delay was credited to asking international experts to review the 7 metrics previously established by the Governor to give guidance on the reopening for each region. Much to our relief this delay was turned around quickly and 5 NYS Regions including our North County Region were given the go ahead for Phase 2.

A very special note of thanks and appreciation to all of the hard working people in the medical field who are often putting themselves in harm's way and giving countless hours of time to assure that the best procedures and care are adhered to in all respects, and that the following **mandated metrics** are met throughout before moving on to the next Phase:

- A 14 day decline in hospitalizations, or fewer than 15 a day.
- A 14 day decline in virus related hospital deaths, or fewer than 5 a day
- A steady rate of new hospitalizations, below two per 100,000 residents a day
- A hospital-bed vacancy rate of at least 30%
- At least 30 virus tests per 1000 residents conducted a month.
- At least 30 working contact tracers per 100,000 residents.

You can follow the metrics in real time on the **Regional UnPause Dashboard** at <https://forward.ny.gov/covid-19-regional-metrics-dashboard>.

Phase 2 sectors of businesses are as follows:

- All Office Based Jobs
- Real estate Services
- In-Store retail
- Vehicle Sales, Leases and Rentals
- Retail Rental. Repair and Cleaning
- Commercial Building Management

Essential Business Updates this past week included:

- Essential health care operations including veterinarian and livestock medical services
- Essential Infrastructure including hotels, and other places of accommodation, including campgrounds. Campgrounds must take precautions to ensure campers maintain appropriate social distancing and adhere to proper cleaning and disinfecting protocols, including but not limited to maintaining 6 feet of distance between campers, unless wearing acceptable face covering, excluding members of the same household who are camping together.

The requirements as to how businesses may reopen are provided on the **New York Forward** (<https://forward.ny.gov/>) website including advice on drafting mandatory safety plans. The **North Country Community Chamber** (<http://www.northcountrychamber.com/>) also offers industry specific information as well as webinars.

The 1st floor offices of the **North Elba Town Hall** have been open and accessible for a couple of weeks. The 3rd floor town offices, which include the Assessor's Office and Building and Planning Office are now open as well. Entrance rules are posted regarding masks and social distancing. It is not required, but best to call ahead to make an appointment. The main office number is 518-523-9516. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

As of **June 1st the Recycling Center** will go back to a full schedule operation. Monday and Wednesday will be reserved for commercial businesses only and vehicles will be allowed to back into the Recycling Center. All other walk-in customers will be permitted on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. All rules must be adhered to including wearing masks and socially distancing while on site. The staff is there to direct you appropriately.

The **Mirror Lake Sidewalk Replacement Project** is now in progress. Work is commencing near the intersection of Northwood School Road & Mirror Lake Drive. The entire project is expected to continue into September. Please follow flagman's instructions when walking or driving by. For those adjacent home owners, we respectfully request that you keep annual decorative flower plantings back from the anticipated work zone. If you have questions please contact the main office at the Town Hall.

The **Town of North Elba Workshop Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, June 2 at 3 p.m. The Meeting Agenda consists of the Staff Departments Heads providing update reports to the Town Board concerning their areas of responsibility. It will be a remotely held meeting but the public is welcome to call in and listen by dialing 1- 224-501-3412, Access Code: 347-220-709.

The Craig Wood Golf Course is getting off to a good start with many of its members enjoying excellent early season conditions at a new low rate. HUGE bargain! Controlled access to the pro shop and bathroom facilities at the clubhouse are also permitted. Social distancing and sanitization procedures must be maintained at all times. Get your [2020 Craig Wood Golf Course Club Membership](#) for only \$199 now!

A special note of thanks to all who have worked to comply with the NYS directives. We have made it second base!

Testing is still a critical part of the requirements to keep us moving forward to additional phases. For further information see below. It is best and/or required to call ahead to make an appointment.

[Essex County Health Department \(ECHD\)](#) has announced testing locations including:

UVM Health Network Locations

Elizabethtown Community Hospital (518-873-3069) Daily by appointment.

Elizabethtown Community Hospital -Ticonderoga Campus (518-585-3927) Daily by appointment.

Adirondack Health Locations (518-897-2462)

AMC Center Covid 19 Clinic (Mon-Fri) 12pm-5pm

Keene Health Center (Tue) 1pm-4pm

Mobile Testing (sites vary) (Mon-Fri) 11am-3pm

! IMPORTANT - NORTH ELBA'S CENSUS RESPONSE RATE IS WAY BELOW THE AVERAGE TOWNSHIPS – WE NEED TO BE COUNTED!

If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete the [2020 Census questionnaire](#). It's quick, easy, safe, secure, and confidential. Your information and privacy are protected. Your response helps to direct billions of dollars in federal funds to **OUR community** for schools, roads, and other public services. Results also determine the number of seats OUR state has in Congress and OUR political representation at all levels of government. ! Please register and help our cause! DO IT NOW!

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, including restaurants offering take-out, retail stores offering curbside pick-up, as well as this newsletter can be received by subscribing to the [Lake Placid Insider](#).

This is a time like no other that we have experienced, but we will overcome this difficult period and return to normalcy quicker if we ALL practice what the NYS Department of Health has asked us to follow including:

STAY HOME, DON'T TRAVEL, NO GROUP GATHERINGS, WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH WARM WATER AND SOAP OR HAND SANITIZERS WITH AT LEAST 60% ALCOHOL, WEAR MASKS IN PUBLIC, ETC. STAY SAFE