

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM NORTH ELBA SUPERVISOR JAY RAND

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Dear Citizens of North Elba,

I hope that you have had a good week. Seems that spring is slow in getting here this year, but yesterday was a great taste of what hopefully is to come. But we do live in the Adirondacks!

As you most likely have seen from the daily reports North Elba remained consistent last week with 3 Tested Positive and 3 Suspect Positive cases. However, as of yesterday 1 additional case Tested Positive, which brings North Elba's Total Positive Count to 7. The Essex County Total Positive Cases went from 41 to 48. This includes 18 Townships, 3 nonresidents and 10 inmates.

The Essex County Emergency Services Department sent a supply of hand sanitizer and masks to the various Essex County Towns last week. We distributed some to local charities for distribution and placed some of the product at the front entrance of the Town Hall with signs requesting that each person only take two bottles of sanitizer. Unfortunately, the table was completely cleaned off twice – most likely by the same individuals. Consequently, we are no longer able to provide product at this location.

Many of you are asking about summer plans and reopening businesses. As mentioned in last week's report the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST) had put together a phased or teared approach to reopening when the Governor lifts the pause order. It is anticipated that the Governor will send his updated changes to the NY Pause Order on or about May 15th. Certainly, we are all anxious to restart our engines in a sensible way.

In the meantime, please do what you can to support our local businesses. The Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) is leading the charge with the #ClickLocal Campaign (<https://adirondack.org/ClickLocal>.) In order to boost #ClickLocal opportunities for regional businesses, ANCA and Clarkson University's Shipley Center for Innovation, in partnership with the North Country Center for Businesses in Transition, are providing e-commerce development resources for small businesses. Let's make **choosing local the new normal**.

On another positive note our Highway Department and Town Board Committee Members are working on a plan to **reopen our recyclable center** on a part time basis. The plan needs to be approved through the County, and hopefully the update will be forthcoming this week.

VIP - If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete the **2020 Census** questionnaire (<https://my2020census.gov/>.) 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.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. COVID-19 has been a crisis for mental health, too. Remember: You are never alone. For free emotional support, consultations and referrals to a provider, call 1-844-863-9314. For free meditation and mindfulness exercises, visit [headspace.com/ny](https://www.headspace.com/ny).

Don't forget to call in about that great opportunity to purchase a \$199.00 season golf pass at **Craig Wood** (518-523 9516) or (518 – 523-9811). Opening May 9, weather permitting under the NY Pause Executive Orders.

Additional information and daily postings may be found on the Town of North Elba Website www.northelba.org, 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, retails stores offering curbside pick-up, as well as this newsletter can be received by subscribing to the Lake Placid Insider at <https://insider.lakeplacid.com/>.

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 AND GLOVES IN PUBLIC, ETC. STAY SAFE.

Also, Enjoy your children and TEACH THEM WELL. Looks like you'll be seeing them throughout the school year. Darn – mine are all grown up!