

This email is being sent on behalf of both the Town of North East and the Village of Millerton.

Mayor Debbie Middlebrook and Supervisor Chris Kennan have been, and will continue to be, in close touch with Dutchess County's Emergency Response Center. We were part of a conference call held by County Executive Marc Molinaro with other Dutchess County Mayors and Supervisors yesterday. Dutchess County, along with Orange and Ulster Counties, have each issued a State of Emergency declaration as of Friday March 13. Residents of Millerton & North East are encouraged to visit Dutchess County's website www.dutchessny.gov/coronavirus for additional information and updates, but here are a few of the most important takeaways:

In the interests of slowing the spread of this virus, and to the maximum extent possible, residents of Millerton and North East are urged to minimize social interaction. Anyone who feels ill is asked to stay at home. Public gatherings and meetings of more than 20 people are being suspended or cancelled. Restaurants and theaters are being asked to limit the number of patrons to not more than half of their stated capacity.

People who feel they might be symptomatic for COVID-19 should contact their doctor or health care provider first. **It is important to make the call before going to a doctor's office or hospital.** If you are unable to reach your health care provider, call 9-1-1 for further instructions.

All schools in Dutchess County, both public and private, and including extra-curricular activities, will be closed for two weeks, starting on Monday. This does not include private daycare facilities, Head Start or other daycare programs

At least four mobile sites are being organized to administer COVID-19 tests. The location of those sites will be identified on the Dutchess County website, when they are operational.

Town of North East and Village of Millerton offices will be open next week for Town and Village employees to conduct essential business. Anyone with urgent business with either the Town or the Village is asked to reach out to the appropriate person before entering our facilities. We will try to post further information on our respective websites.

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