

Dear Quogue Residents,

Although coronavirus-related statistics in New York continue at relatively low levels, in other regions of the country they do not. The challenge, if we all accept it, is to keep them low. It's not that hard. Continue to practice social distancing, to wear a mask when you are in the presence of others not in your own household unit and to wash or sanitize your hands frequently.

Here are a few things you might want to know:

1. The trip to Europe is officially off. It does not want you. If you were thinking of having friends or family visit you in Quogue or going to visit them, doing so may have become more complicated. The Governor's newest travel restrictions went into place last week and are getting broader. They originally applied to people (including returning New Yorkers) coming to New York (and Connecticut and New Jersey) from Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Utah. Yesterday, California, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada and Tennessee were added. The restrictions require a 14-day self-quarantine from the last date a person was in one of those states. An exception exists for people passing through briefly in the course of travel. The penalty is a fine up to \$10,000. Details are at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>.
2. Covid-19 testing sites have changed some. If you need or want a test, the conditions for doing so and the locations can be found at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>.
3. It's July 1 and time to take the signs down that we allowed to remain through the end of June. To refresh everyone, we do not allow realtor signs, commercial signs, yard sale signs, political signs and the like in the right of way. For a single family dwelling in Quogue, the only signs that are permitted are (a) a name or name and number sign up to two square feet in size, (b) a street number sign up to one square foot in size (this is required for emergency response reasons), (c) a single sign indicating that the property has an alarm system, (d) a single realty sign not exceeding four square feet in size located within four feet of the front of the main building, and (e) a single temporary construction sign not exceeding four square feet in size in a similar location setting forth the names of the contractors and others involved with the project. For First Amendment reasons, an owner is permitted to substitute a noncommercial message for the foregoing permitted signs as long as the size and location restrictions are observed. Please comply without being asked.
4. You may have heard about or read the story in the paper last week that the Quogue Police apprehended a person who had been burglarizing cars in driveways in the middle of the night on several streets in Quogue. That is a reminder to use your garage if you have one or at least lock your car.
5. You may want to have your electrical grounds and connections for your pool equipment checked by an electrical inspector if you have not done so in a while. The pool environment can be hard on electrical equipment, and since we have required this inspection when a property changes hands, there has been a high failure rate. A faulty connection can create a very dangerous situation for swimmers.
6. The Village Office will be closed on July 3rd.

Somehow the upcoming weekend does not really seem like a typical three-day weekend, but we hope everyone stays safe and enjoys it.

Peter Sartorius
Mayor