

Dear Quogue Residents,

In case you were exhausted by last night, here are a few uninterrupted facts for you this morning.

Better make sure that you know your tenant well. Governor Cuomo announced on Monday that the New York's Tenant Safe Harbor Act enacted earlier this year will be extended until January 1, 2021 to protect additional residential tenants from eviction if they are suffering financial hardship during the Covid-19 public health emergency. Mid-winter evictions? They do not seem too likely to me. Also, remember that all residential leases require filing of a rental application with the Village.

There are 12 pages of guidance that were released this week regarding private auto transportation— Lyft, Uber, taxis and the like. See <https://forward.ny.gov/statewide-guidelines>. For users it's mainly, wear a mask and make sure your driver does too. Also, take and use your hand sanitizer after touching high-touch areas and open a window in the car if you can.

New York is seeing significant increases in positive tests in localized clusters in Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, and Orange and Rockland counties. There are specific zip codes in these Boroughs that have high positivity rates, and areas of Orange and Rockland Counties are much higher still. Long Island, meanwhile, still seems to be in pretty good shape at a little above 1% in the past couple of days. As of earlier this week, there were only five Covid patients in the three east end hospitals. Nevertheless, it is clearly not a time for letting our guard down.

Thirty-one states, Guam and Puerto Rico are on New York's list of quarantine jurisdictions this week. Arizona and Virginia escaped. Colorado was added. Here is where you can get the full list: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>.

I am not sure what the status is with trick-or-treating this year. On September 15 Governor Cuomo reasonably said that he would not ban it, but then the CDC called it a higher-risk activity. See https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/coronavirus/2020/09/22/cdc-issues-guidance-recommending-against-traditional-halloween-activities?cid=id-app15_m-share_s-web_cmp-app_launch_august2020_c-producer_posts_po-organic. That prompted Governor Cuomo to say that he would be issuing guidance on the subject. So more to follow.

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