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The Village of Southampton has been in communication regarding the novel Coronavirus with Town of Southampton Supervisor Jay Schneiderman, Town Code Compliance & Emergency Management Administrator Ryan Murphy, as well as Stony Brook Southampton Hospital's Chief Administrative Officer Robert Chaloner and representatives from Suffolk County Executive Bellone's office and NY State Governor Cuomo's office.

Over the weekend the first confirmed case of coronavirus was identified. That individual is being treated at Southampton Hospital. Media outlets have reported that this patient originated from Eastern Long Island Hospital and was transferred to Southampton Hospital. We have received assurances from Hospital officials that the individual is, and has been, in isolation in the Hospital and that all necessary precautions have been taken. The patient, according to Southampton Hospital, is improving with a good prospect of recovery.

Unrelated to the presence of the confirmed coronavirus case at the Hospital, is the arrival of university students at the Stony Brook Southampton campus from Europe. All of these students were screened multiple times before arriving at the campus and none of them have any signs or symptoms of the coronavirus. Their current isolation at the Stony Brook Southampton campus is being done out of an abundance of caution by the State and not the result of any of them being sick. The site and students are being monitored by SUNY, as well as County Health officials. We have confidence in the site security and monitoring plans of State and County.

The Village is carefully and constantly monitoring the regional and local coronavirus situation. We are in regular communication with State and County officials. The best protection, however, is good hygiene and social distancing. We have encouraged this with our employees and encourage the same with all Village residents.

Members of vulnerable populations, like the elderly and people with pre-existing conditions that might compromise their immune system, are strongly encouraged to limit social interactions and take extra precautions during this time.

Following these steps as a whole community will decrease our community risk:

1. **MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Maintain at least three feet distance between you and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
2. **AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE:** Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth, which can then enter the body and make you sick.
3. **PRACTICE RESPIRATORY HYGIENE:** Cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Dispose of the tissue immediately.
4. **KEEP WORK/PUBLIC SPACES CLEAN:** Regularly wipe down desks, phones, counter surfaces, tables etc. with disinfecting spray or wipes.
5. **STAY HOME IF YOU FEEL UNWELL:** If you have a fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention. Call the doctor in advance and stay isolated.

*** Remember: An effective preventative measure is frequent and thorough handwashing.**

Keep these steps in mind, do not panic and become educated about the coronavirus by examining information provided by the CDC and health officials. We recommend that you visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

In addition, we have reached out to NY State and Suffolk County to request a supply of the newly created hand sanitizer products. Should you visit Village Hall please be assured that our custodial staff has followed CDC cleaning guidelines.

Together we can work to reduce our community risk and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jesse Warren
Southampton Village