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**AS CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC CONTINUES, TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
ISSUES INFORMATION, ADVISORIES TO COMMUNITY**
Town website, Facebook page used to keep community up to date

Recent Advisories and News:

The Town of East Hampton is Seeking Donations of Masks and Gloves for Use by Grocery Store Workers

With face masks and gloves in short supply, and critical supplies routed first to health care workers and emergency first responders, residents are asked to donate any masks and gloves that they can spare for distribution to stores to help protect their workers.

Items may be dropped off in a collection box outside East Hampton Town Hall at 159 Pantigo Road in East Hampton, or at the East Hampton Town Police Department, at 131 Wainscott Northwest Road in Wainscott.

East Hampton Calls on Townspeople to Wear Face Coverings in Public, Following Federal Recommendations

The federal Centers for Disease Control recommends wearing cloth face coverings whenever venturing out in public, to slow the spread of coronavirus. **In order to preserve surgical masks and N-95 respirators, which are in short supply, for critical healthcare personnel, homemade cloth masks are recommended for the general public.**

The Surgeon General posted a video on how to make a no-sew mask:
Click Here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPx1yqvJgf4&feature=emb_title

New York State Department of Labor Revamps Unemployment Insurance Benefits Application to Assist Workers Affected by Coronavirus-related Job Loss

Updates made to the Department of Labor's online employment insurance filing system, in the face of increased applications by people who are out of work, were designed to create a "new, improved and more user-friendly application,"

according to the Department of Labor, which will allow New Yorkers to “better access the benefits they deserve.”

Additional call takers have been employed as well.

The online application system was shut down last night at 5 p.m. to allow for the upgrade, and was opened for new applications at 7:30 a.m. today.

The online system will close each night from 7 p.m. until 7:30 a.m. the next morning to allow the Department of Labor’s database to process applications.

<https://labor.ny.gov/unemploymentassistance.shtm>

East Hampton Food Retailers Urged to Follow Safety and Health Precautions to Protect Shoppers and Employees

In an April 9 letter to food retailers, Supervisor Van Scoyoc urged owners of grocery stores and other food markets to follow protocols addressing cleaning and sanitation, social distancing in the store, and excessive purchases of in-demand items.

Staggering entry into the store, designating store aisles as one way in order to avoid crowding, assigning employees to direct traffic in the store, and marking appropriate distance locations for those standing on checkout lines were among the suggestions.

Blood Donations are Being Sought from Patients Recovered from COVID-19 to Assist in Development of Virus Treatment

Patients who tested positive for the COVID-19 coronavirus and are fully recovered from the disease are being asked to donate plasma that could help current patients with severe or life-threatening cases of the virus. People who have fully recovered from COVID-19 have antibodies in their plasma that can attack the virus.

According to the American Red Cross, which has been asked by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to help identify prospective donor and manage distribution of blood to hospitals treating patients in need, “convalescent plasma” has been used, historically, as a potentially lifesaving treatment when new diseases or infections develop quickly, and no treatments or vaccines were available yet.

Plasma donations are being accepted by the Red Cross, <https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/dlp/plasma-donations-from-recovered-covid-19-patients.html>, the New York Blood Center, <https://nybloodcenter.org/donate-blood/covid-19-and-blood-donation-copy/>, and the Mount Sinai health system, https://redcap.mountsinai.org/redcap/surveys/?s=RCC7FNHK3Y&_ga=2.2676016.1675440433.1586035052-362139679.1586035052