

# From the Desk of Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio

October 29, 2020

## **Continuing State of Emergency in the Village of Highland Falls**

A State of Emergency is hereby extended in the Village of Highland Falls effective 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2020 until 8:00 a.m. Sunday, November 29, 2020 and may be rescinded or amended by subsequent order. This State of Emergency has been declared due to the COVID-19, also known as Corona Virus Disease 2019. This situation threatens the public safety.

As the Mayor of the Village of Highland Falls, I, Joseph E. D'Onofrio, exercise the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to security, well-being, and health of the citizens of this Village.

I hereby direct all departments and agencies of the Village of Highland Falls to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such assistance deemed necessary.

The Mayor and the Village Board strongly urge residents of the Village to follow the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the New York State Department of Health for the next 30 days, which may include but not limited to: all Village meetings will be held in pursuant to the provisions in Executive Order 202.1, work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible, avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 25 people, avoid eating or drinking in bars, restaurants, and fast food courts (use drive-thru, pick up or delivery), avoid discretionary travel, practice good hygiene (wash your hands, avoid touching your face, sneeze or cough into a tissue or inside of your elbow), disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible; furthermore: non-essential businesses and business activities will adhere to phases set forth by the Governor's office. Restaurants and food establishments shall follow phase 4 guidelines or whatever the current phase guidelines are in place during this state of emergency. The Board strongly advises only services and businesses that are authorized in accordance with the current phase(s) established by the State (phase 1, 2, 3, or 4) to be open. All municipal workers will take all necessary steps to attempt to minimize the risks of the virus to employees, residents and visitors.

  
Joseph E. D'Onofrio  
Mayor