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Dear Neighbor,

Rockland and Westchester Counties have seen a significant increase in COVID-19 cases and deaths sadly in a short period of time. We need residents to stay inside, avoid gatherings of any size, practice social distancing, and wash your hands frequently with soap and water. I recommend residents wear a mask or scarf when going outside.

To date, Rockland has had **3,751 positive cases up 2,057** in less than a week. While in Westchester, there have been **11,567 positive cases as of Thursday, up by 3,048** in four days.

COVID-19 **deaths in Rockland have more than doubled** since Monday when they **stood at 18, jumping to 42** on Thursday. In Westchester, **19 deaths were reported on Monday, and then more than tripled to 67** on Thursday. We mourn the life of every New Yorker lost.

The State only has enough ventilators stockpiled to **last about 6 days** so the State is taking extraordinary measures. The Governor will sign an executive order, allowing the State to take ventilators and PPE from institutions who do not need them. The institutions will either get the ventilators back or the State will reimburse them. The State is also ending elective surgeries that require ventilators and using BiPAP machines, which are non-invasive ventilators. The DOH has approved Northwell's new protocol, allowing these BiPAP machines to be converted into ventilators during the crisis. Northwell will be teaching other hospitals how to do this.

We still do not have adequate levels of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) ahead of the apex at the hospitals in Rockland and Westchester Counties. I have been in constant contact with the Governor's office to express the urgency here.

See Letter to the Governor

