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## 4/11 Coronavirus Stimulus Update

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## COVID-19 UPDATE DAVID CARLUCCI



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Dear Neighbor,

As many observe Passover or prepare for Easter, we know it is much different. The joy of gathering with family and friends is likely now a remote visit over the computer. My family had our own virtual seder.

New York appreciates the social responsibility everyone in Rockland and Westchester is taking. We are all doing good. New Yorkers should continue to stay home and follow the advice of our **health officials** by staying at home and practicing social distancing.

For many families, these holidays may be marked by the loss of a loved one or a loved one in the loss of a job. We know residents are thinking of those impacted and will continue to do what they can to protect and help others.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some important financial relief opportunities made possible through the **\$2 trillion economic stimulus package** in response to COVID-19 pandemic. The new legislation known as the **CARES ACT** (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) is unprecedented in the history of our nation. In working with my federal partners, Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand, and Congresswoman Lowey, I was able to effectively communicate our district's needs, and this bill will help Rockland and Westchester County residents.

However, our State and Counties are still in need. The stimulus had promised New York \$6 billion in health care funding, but instead it's about \$1.3 billion, disqualifying 1/3 of New York Medicaid recipients. We need to secure another stimulus bill from the federal government to close critical gaps that will impact our most vulnerable. In addition, if we want to restart our economy, we need the federal government to address previous inequities in our State.

My efforts will be focused on fighting for more testing and for testing to actually be completely free. Right now, you can be charged for a doctor's visit or telehealth session that does not result in getting a prescription. Further, we must ensure any vaccine developed is free of charge. In addition, diagnostic testing for COVID-19 should not include co-payments, co-insurance or deductibles.

The stimulus bill covers a lot, and my goal with this email is to better explain how it will impact you. My office is here to help you navigate all existing resources at the local, State, and federal levels.

