

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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# COVID-19 Update June 2nd

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## LATEST UPDATES

## **Regions Reopening**

The Capital region is on track to enter Phase 2 of reopening tomorrow, June 3rd, while New York City is on track to enter Phase 1 of reopening on June 8th. Rockland and Westchester Counties, which are part of the Mid-Hudson Region remain in Phase 1. For details on the phases, please click here.

#### Speaking With News 12 About Phase 2

#### Town Hall On Domestic Violence

Last week, we held our 25th town hall since the pandemic started on resources and services for victims and survivors of domestic violence. If you missed it you can watch it here or read more about my work to address domestic violence.

I was joined by Center for Safety & Change, My Sister's Place and Domestic Violence Prevention advocate, Angela Accomando. Sadly, the town hall came just before reports of a man murdering his former partner and her daughter in Valley Cottage.

New Yorkers seeking help can call 1-800-942-6906, text 844-997-2121 or chat with a professional on the new confidential website at www.opdv.ny.gov. The text and online services are now staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with OPDV staff who are experts in the area of domestic violence.

### Legislative Session Resumes

The NYS Legislature was back to Session last week in Albany. On the first day back my bill to safeguard school funding against early closures due to COVID-19 passed both houses and is headed to the Governor's desk. The legislation ensures if a school does not meet 180 days of instruction that they will not be penalized if they closed before the Governor's declaration of emergency. With our schools already in need of every penny, this legislation will be important to any districts impacted.

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Other important reforms, which I support are headed to the Governor's Desk:

## Death Benefits for Public Heroes

In April, I introduced legislation to provide death benefits and worker's compensation benefits to all essential workers who experience permanent impairments or death from COVID-19.

On Saturday, Governor Cuomo signed into law, a new measure providing death benefits to the families of frontline workers who lost their lives fighting the COVID-19 pandemic in New York. This is a great first step. Now we must ensure that benefits are provided even when death does not occur, and ensure that the private sector workforce receives similar compensation for their heroism.

## Dentists' Offices Can Open

On Sunday, dentist offices in New York State were allowed to reopen, regardless of the phase their region is in. Offices that reopen will be subject to state guidance on best practices for safety and social distancing.

## Investment in NYS

Last week, Governor Cuomo met with President Trump and requested federal funding for states. He also urged President Trump to support public infrastructure projects like the LaGuardia AirTrain, the Cross-Hudson

## Reminder – Masks Are Required

The Governor signed an Executive Order last week, allowing private businesses to deny entry to individuals who are not wearing masks or face coverings.

See My Reminder With Jack & James

## New COVID-19 Testing in Ossining & Briarcliff Manor

Testing begins today, May 29th at two CVS pharmacies, one in Ossining and one in Briarcliff Manor. I was successful in working with the Governor's office to extend the State's new CVS Pharmacies partnership to our communities.

Testing is by appointment only at the drive-through pharmacy windows where a self-swab will be offered. To make an appointment click, here. If you have any questions, you can contact the CVS Pharmacy at either location directly. If you are in need of health insurance or need testing and do not have health insurance, please contact my office.

## Locations:

CVS Pharmacy, 202 South Highland Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562

CVS Pharmacy, 1856 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10150

### My Office is Here to Help

Please remember my staff is working remotely and has closed hundreds of cases since the start of the pandemic. We are here to assist with unemployment claims, health insurance enrollment, local resources and services, and any challenges you may encounter during the pandemic.

## Commonly Asked Questions on COVID-19:

## https://health.westchestergov.com/images/stories/PDF/20200317nyscovid.pdf

### For the latest updates, you can:

• Visit my NYS Senate website: https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/david-carlucci

- Sign up for text alerts by texting "Carlucci" to 797979
- See the State's DOH page: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home
- View Rockland County Information: https://rocklandgov.com/departments/health/coronavirus-covid-19/
- View Westchester County Information: https://www.westchestergov.com/home/all-pressreleases

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Provides that school districts, including the city school district of the city of New York, are entitled to an apportionment of state aid for the closure of schools due in response to the novel coronavirus

March 06, 2020

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Do you support this bill?