

UPDATE FROM NORTH ELBA SUPERVISOR JAY RAND

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Dear Citizens of North Elba,

First and foremost – on behalf of the North Elba Town Board and staff - **CONGRATULATIONS** is in order for all of the **North Country High School Graduates** and responsible teachers, coaches, administrators, and staff members who made this day possible. The future is yours and we will be depending on all of you to choose your path wisely to make this a better world. Work hard, stay focused and go after your ambitions and dreams. Best wishes and good luck to all.

As most everyone is aware the decision was made this week to **cancel** all of Lake Placid's traditional summer events including the **July 4th fireworks and parade, Lacrosse, Ironman and the Lake Placid Marathon and Half Marathon.**

The decision came after months of continued discussion by an **Events Committee** that was spearheaded by the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST) and included Mayor Randall, Supervisor Rand, and representatives from the various sports involved.

The final decision to cancel these upcoming events was partially influenced by the Governor's announcement impacting travel from states with a positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents, or higher than a 10% test positivity rate, over a seven day rolling average. **Executive order #205** includes a three-state agreement among New York, Connecticut and New Jersey to require visitors from nine states with COVID-19 spikes to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. Other factors, including New York State Executive Orders involving **social distancing and permitted group sizes** were heavily considered. Additionally, approvals to hold events is a three-step process involving New York State, Essex County and Local Town & Village Governments.

The bottom line is the decision was based in consideration of the health and welfare of our citizens. We have worked continuously with NYS and Essex County Officials in every capacity to comply with the Governor's Executive Orders. Through all of *your efforts* to comply, North Elba and Essex County have retained a very low number of COVID-19 positive cases in comparison with other areas of the State. To date there have been 58 positive cases in Essex County, including 9 from North Elba.

We also truly thank the involved Sport Federations for all of their efforts in trying to adapt schedules and numbers of participants to be compatible with NYS Directives. We certainly look forward to working with these sport organizations in consideration of future events.

PHASE 4 began as scheduled on **Friday, June 26.** This included the reopening of **Arts, Entertainment, Film and TV Production, Higher Education and Professional Sports without fans.**

Malls, movie theaters, gyms and bowling alleys must remain closed for further analysis. Sadly, mini golf is not permitted at this time.

Group gatherings have been approved for up to 50 persons, and religious gatherings can allow up to 33% occupancy.

Additional information about the phased reopening can be found at <https://forward.ny.gov/>.

New entrance signs made through ROOST efforts are now in place along the main routes coming into Lake Placid from all directions. The signs are meant to be welcoming and encourage 6' social distancing and the **ever so important wearing of masks** when 6' of distance cannot be maintained.

If you have walked on Main Street or around Mirror Lake recently you have become aware that the village is getting busier and it is increasingly difficult to maintain proper distancing. We all need to lead by example and **wear masks when on Main Street or walking around the lake.**

The communication of safety expectations to our residents and visitors is something that is discussed often and we are learning the best methods as we go. We will continue to reach out and promote the most up to date health guidance issued by the NYS and the CDC.

Adirondack Health Testing Information and Appointments (518-897-2462)

Testing is still a critical part of the requirements to keep us moving forward. Visit <https://www.adirondackhealth.org/covid-testing> for the most up to date hours and locations for testing.

The **Craig Wood Golf Course** staff was busy this week getting the new pump installed for improved irrigation throughout the course. This summer is looking like a banner year for the grounds and the membership, which just keeps growing with the amazing deal of a [2020 Craig Wood Golf Course Club Membership](#) for **only \$199!**

The **Warrens and their CREW** are back at it at the restaurant at **Craig Wood Golf Course**. They are open daily so stop out and have lunch and enjoy the delicious food and beautiful view.

On a final note, while **July 4th** will not be celebrated in the traditional manner this year, the importance of celebrating the birth of our country remains. Please take some time to reflect on the creation of our nation and the sacrifices of many to protect the freedoms we value. We are all Americans. **Have fun and stay safe!**

Additional information and daily postings may be found on the [Town of North Elba Website](#), the [Town of North Elba Facebook](#) page, the [Lake Placid Village Facebook](#) page and [Friends of Jay Rand Facebook](#) page.

Relevant local information updates, including outdoor restaurant openings, restaurants offering take-out, retail stores opening and/or offering curbside pick-up, and all new developments as well as this newsletter can be received by subscribing to the [Lake Placid Insider](#).

STAY SAFE AND BE SMART

FOLLOW NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES, AND THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS.

LIMIT GROUP GATHERINGS WHENEVER POSSIBLE, WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH WARM WATER AND SOAP OR HAND SANITIZERS WITH AT LEAST 60% ALCOHOL, WEAR MASKS IN PUBLIC, ETC.