

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Ninth Update**  
Thursday, March 19, 2020

Dear Guilderland residents:

Since yesterday's email update, in which we announced the complete closure of all Town buildings to the public, we decided today that current conditions require the suspension of transportation services by the Senior Services Department. As with the decision to close Town buildings, we did not make this decision without considering dynamic health guidelines that impose social distancing and operational restrictions on transportation services, and the health of our seniors and Town employees. We hope that this suspension is brief and urge seniors and their families to call the Department at (518) 280-7607.

As of 4pm today, the Town declared a State of Emergency with the stated goal of protecting the public safety and property, and ensuring that the Town enforces the Governor's Executive Orders which are intended to allow the functioning of government, including alternative means of holding public meetings, to the greatest extent possible.

We have been asked by the Census Bureau to remind residents that you should or will receive a mailing which provides information on how you can go online and complete the Census questionnaire. Given the COVID-19 crisis, the Census Bureau has postponed for two weeks until April 1<sup>st</sup>, all field operations, such as dispatching Census workers to check in with households who have not completed their questionnaires online. This suspension of field operations does not impact the ability to respond online or call the Census Bureau.

In its daily update today, the Albany County Department of Health (DOH) reported that there are now 52 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Albany County, with 297 people under mandatory quarantine and 443 people under precautionary quarantine. The County DOH does not provide details on confirmed cases or quarantines in a particular municipality.

Thank you again for staying calm.

Sincerely,

Peter G. Barber  
Town Supervisor