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# Town of Shelter Island
# Emergency Declaration

## LOCAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

"Whereas" there is reasonable apprehension that transmission of the Covid-19 virus may create life-threatening situations throughout the Town of Shelter Island; and

"Whereas" Shelter Island is surrounded by water and accessible only by ferry, creating grave concerns regarding the inaccessibility of medical coverage and basic supplies in time of crisis; and

""Whereas" the state of New York, by Executive Order No. 202 dated March 7, 2020 has addressed the transmission of Covid-19; and

**NOW, THEREFORE** I, Gerard F. Siller, Supervisor of the Town of Shelter Island, pursuant to Section 24 of Article 2-b of the Executive Law, do declare a State of Emergency within the Town of Shelter Island, County of Suffolk, State of New York commencing **March 13, 2020** and direct the following:

1. The Town's Emergency Manager is directed to implement the Town of Shelter Island Emergency Operations Plan.
2. All Town of Shelter Island departments are authorized to take whatever such actions as are necessary to preserve public safety and to render all required and available assistance to protect the security, well-being, health and property of the citizens of Shelter Island.
3. The Town's Emergency Manager is hereby directed to ensure that all covered persons comply with quarantine procedures set for the by the Centers for Disease control.
4. All department heads are required to submit to the supervisor a written contingency plan to continue essential operations.
5. All residents of the Town are encouraged to follow the latest news and emergency notifications by local radio, television stations, and internet sites; to gather necessary provisions without hoarding in case of potential quarantine; and to obtain items necessary for personal hygiene and personal protection equipment and, where necessary, to seek education in their proper use.
6. Island Organizations and businesses are urged to take all necessary preventative precautions and to consider rescheduling any events the conduct of which that may constitute a danger of transmission of Covid-19.
7. Access to town facilities shall be by appointment only and subject to the town limited facilities access policy.

8. All Town-run events and functions, including all board and committee meetings are canceled until April 1, 2020 except for Town Board meetings and work sessions and any other meeting specifically directed by the supervisor. Attendance at all meetings shall be limited to those persons deemed by the supervisor to be essential to the conduct of the meeting. All public meetings shall be live streamed with the ability of the public to submit questions and comments by email and phone.
9. The senior center is closed until further notice and a "meals on wheels" program be substituted for the senior nutrition program.
10. The Youth Center and FIT center are closed and shall remain closed so long as the Shelter Island School is closed. Individual physical therapy at the FIT center may continue.
11. The Supervisor may close any or all other town facilities and/or discontinue any or all town services with the exception of those deemed to be essential to town operations or to addressing the emergency itself.
12. The Town's Emergency Operations Center shall be available on a 24 hour basis.
13. This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in place until revoked.

Dated: March 13, 2020

By: Gerard F. Siller, Supervisor