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Dear Village of Delhi Residents,

At this time the Village of Delhi is taking steps to ensure the safety and health of the residents of our community and its employees. Beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020, the Village of Delhi Village Hall will be closed for two weeks due to the on going COVID-19 concerns. This is merely a precaution to prevent community spread. The safety and well-being of this community are our primary concern. This situation will be reassessed on April 1, 2020, to determine any plans moving forward.

Even though the offices will be closed, the employees will continue to work in the office. All water payments, handicap placard applications, and other services needed from the Village of Delhi Clerk's Office may be sent by mail or left in the drop box at the Village Hall. The Clerk will handle all requests and inquiries in a timely fashion. She may be reached at 607-746-2258 Option 1 or email villageclerk@delhitel.net.

To contact the Building Inspector, please leave a message at 607-746-2622 or email codeofficer@delhitel.net

The Village will be following guidelines set forth by the New York Conference of Mayors as well as any directives issued by Governor Cuomo, the New York State Department of Health and Delaware County Public Health. Any further information or decisions made by the Village Board will be posted on the village's website, http://www.villageofdelhi.com and on the Village of Delhi's Facebook page.

According to delawarecountypublichealth.com, Delaware County currently has one confirmed positive case of COVID-19, Delaware County Public Health is working to reduce the spread. Individuals that came in contact with the person, will be contacted as this is standard protocol for the Public Health Department with any communicable disease. They recommend if anyone has a fever, with cough or experiencing shortness of breath, they should contact their health care provider to find out if they meet current criteria for testing.

While there is currently no vaccine to prevent this virus, these simple steps can help stop the spread of this and other respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Early information shows that some people are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. This includes:

- Older adults
- People who have serious chronic medical conditions like:
  - Heart disease
  - Diabetes
  - Lung disease

If you are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19 because of your age or because you have a serious long-term health problem, it is extra important for you to take action to reduce your risk of getting sick with the disease. To reduce people's risk of being exposed to COVID-19 these actions can slow the spread and reduce the impact of disease.

Take every day precautions:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Clean your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, or having been in a public place. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- To the extent possible, avoid touching high-touch surfaces in public places – elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, handshaking with people, etc. Use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your hand or finger if you must touch something.
- Wash your hands after touching surfaces in public places.
- Avoid touching your face, nose, eyes, etc.
- Clean and disinfect your home to remove germs; practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (for example: tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks & cell phones)
- Avoid crowds, especially in poorly ventilated spaces. Your risk of exposure to respiratory viruses like COVID-19 may increase in crowded, closed-in settings with little air circulation if there are people in the crowd who are sick.
- Avoid non-essential travel including plane trips, and especially avoid embarking on cruise ships.
- During a COVID-19 outbreak in your community, stay home as much as possible to further reduce your risk of being exposed. An outbreak is when a large number of people suddenly get sick.

For general questions about COVID-19, please call the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) 24/7 Hotline at 1-888-364-3065. https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/ https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html

Sincerely,

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