

Bellone: More than 17,000 with COVID-19 in Suffolk; says to 'stay the course' to defeat it

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Notes from County Executive Bellone's New Conference:

Bellone: It's hard to believe that the first case was one month ago. "It doesn't feel like 30 days ago." Just one month later, there are approximately 17,000 cases on Long Island. "Those are staggering numbers."

There are 263 deaths so far in Suffolk County. Bellone says the number will be approaching or beyond 300 by the end of the day.

Bellone: "The message we should take from any positive indication is not 'mission accomplished.' It's 'stay the course.'"

The county executive says "honor the health care heroes" by giving them what they need to combat the virus. Bellone thanks President Trump and Gov. Andrew Cuomo for PPE coming to Suffolk's first responders. 133 ventilators arrived from the state.

Bellone: "It's clear that we see higher rates in...immigrant communities and communities of color."

Bellone says the county has made an effort to communicate and message in those communities about the virus. Cites language barrier and other difficulties.

Bellone announces "Hot Spot Testing" for those communities. They are available by appointment only. Call 845-553-8030.

Bellone recognizes East/West Industries that design manufacture and support products that save air crews' lives. They are going to partner with the county to provide face coverings for Suffolk's police force.

Bellone also lauds United Way of Long island and it's COVID-19 fund.

Bellone: "Evictions are not permissible" for 90 days.

Bellone: There are 1,185 hospitalizations (+68) in the county and 517 ICU patients (+11).

Bellone: In the last 24 hours, 130 COVID-19 patients have been discharged, the largest single-day number yet.

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The New York Jets and their owners, the Johnson family, have made a \$1 million joint donation to multiple United Way agencies in the New York/New Jersey area to help deal with the coronavirus outbreak.

The team announced Monday that contributions will support the United Way of New York City's COVID-19 Community Fund, the United Way of Northern New Jersey's ALICE Recovery Fund and the United Way of Long Island's United Together: A Response Fund for COVID-19.

New York City is quickly becoming a hot spot for the new coronavirus, and Mayor Bill de Blasio says hospitals are 10 days away from running out of basic supplies. More than 12,000 people have tested positive in the city, and almost 100 have died.

The UWNYP Covid-19 Community Fund allows the agency to quickly deploy resources to community-based organizations that are offering emergency relief to families and individuals in need. The ALICE Recovery Fund is a crisis recovery fund that will address needs of households that struggled to afford the basics even before the pandemic.

United Together: A Response Fund for COVID-19 will also help meet the basic needs of families affected by the public health emergency.

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