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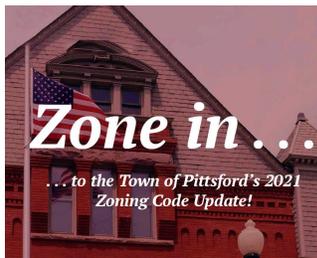
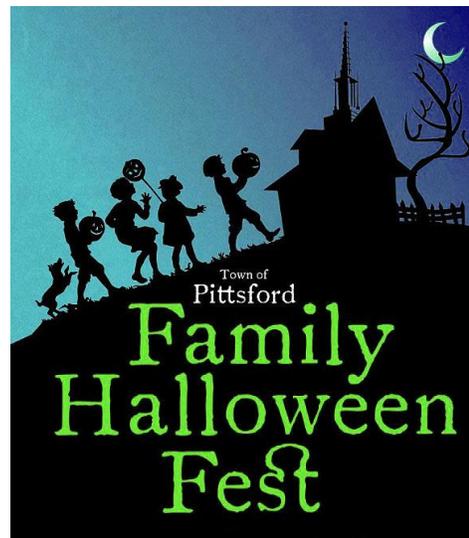
*See listings below for  
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

## **FAMILY HALLOWEEN FEST IS THIS SUNDAY**

*At the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center,  
parking at Sutherland High School*

The Town of Pittsford's [Family Halloween Fest](#) is this Sunday, October 17 from 2:00 - 5:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue.

Enjoy crafts, games, and refreshments, with indoor and outdoor activities - including an inflatable pirate ship obstacle course, a Halloween Story Stroll and balloon twisting. Plus cider and donuts provided by Pittsford Wegmans! It's sure to be an afternoon of great family fun. Admission is free but we **request one canned good item per person to benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard**. Park at Pittsford Sutherland High School, 55 Sutherland Street in the Village, and take our **free hayride shuttle** to the Community Center! Find complete information on our Family Halloween Fest webpage at [www.townofpittsford.org/halloweenfest](http://www.townofpittsford.org/halloweenfest). Please note masks will be required for indoor activities and are optional for outdoor activities. We hope to see you there!



## **ZONING CODE UPDATE TOWN BOARD MEETING MOVED TO 10/21 AT 3:30PM**

The Zoning Code Update meeting originally scheduled for today has been moved to Thursday, October 21 at 3:30pm.

The Pittsford Town Board conducts regular meetings to discuss the Town's Zoning Code Update. To comply with the State's most recent Open Meetings Law, these meetings have moved from Zoom to in person. Meetings will take place at Pittsford Town Hall, lower level meeting room, 11 South Main Street. All meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates and times are subject to change; check [www.townofpittsford.org/calendar](http://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar) for the most current updates. Please note current CDC guidelines will be followed.

To learn more about the Zoning Code Update, and find links to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, current Zoning Code, and other

informational materials, visit our Zoning Code Update website at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).

### **MAIN ST. BRIDGE REHAB - NYSDOT VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFO MEETING IS TOMORROW, 10/14**

The NYSDOT informed the Town yesterday that it will hold a virtual public information meeting tomorrow, Thursday, October 14 from 5:00 - 6:00pm to discuss the proposed Main Street (Route 96) Bridge Rehabilitation project. There will be a short informal presentation followed by a question and answer period. The project is proposed for the 2022 construction season. There are three ways to attend the meeting:

- Call in: 1-518-549-0500, using meeting access code 161 193 1042
- Scan the above QR code with your phone's camera
- Use this link: <https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?MTID=m6e472e94e885e55ef706e8ac0a4b97a4>



For more information, or special accommodations, contact Katherine B. Fragale, P.E. at [Katherine.Fragale@dot.ny.gov](mailto:Katherine.Fragale@dot.ny.gov) or (585) 371-9245.



### **CANAL TREE CUTTING PUBLIC COMMENT DEADLINE IS THIS FRIDAY, 10/15**

#### ***Save our Canal Trees – Make Your Voice Heard***

The New York Power Authority (NYPA) and the NY Canal Corporation – the State agencies which oversee the Erie Canal – presented plans to clearcut trees along the Canal. The Town of Pittsford has led the way to oppose this action. **The deadline is this Friday, October 15 to**

**provide comments** regarding the [Canal Corp/Power Authority Draft Environmental Impact Statement and proposed Embankment Maintenance Guidebook](#) and plans for clearcutting trees along the canal.

You can read here the [Town of Pittsford's comments on the Power Authority's Draft Environmental Impact Statement](#) and Draft Embankment Maintenance Guidebook, which summarizes the Town's position.

**If you have not already done so, please make your voice heard.** You can submit your comments to [NYSCC-Embankments@bergmannpc.com](mailto:NYSCC-Embankments@bergmannpc.com) in response to the Power Authority's Environmental Impact Statement, which outlines its rationale for clearcutting trees along the canal, and to its proposed Embankment Maintenance Guidebook.

You may also mail written comments to James Candiloro of the Power Authority at 30 South Pearl St. Albany, NY 12207. **Comments must be submitted to the Power Authority by October 15, 2021.**

Visit our Canal Tree Clearcut Information web page at [www.townofpittsford.org/save-our-canal-trees](http://www.townofpittsford.org/save-our-canal-trees) for current updates and a timeline regarding the proposed canal tree cutting in Pittsford.

### **ONLINE LIBRARY PROGRAM: RELIEVE PARENT FATIGUE – FINDING CALM**

The Pittsford Community Library will offer a special

online program for parents this Thursday, October 14 at 7:00pm. Join us for "Relieve Parent Fatigue: Finding Calm in the Overload."

The overwhelming demands of parenting take a toll on our mood, our energy, and how we show up for our children. Sabrina Vogler from Heart in the Moment Mindfulness Coaching will offer on-the-spot self-care tools for calming and supporting ourselves when we're stressed. This event is sponsored in partnership with Parma Public Library, Rochester Public Library Science Division, Webster Public Library, East Rochester Public Library, and Gates Public Library.



The program is free but registration is required to receive the Zoom link. [Register online through the Parma Public Library.](#)



### LIBRARY CLOSED OCTOBER 15 FOR STAFF TRAINING

The Pittsford Community Library will be closed this Friday, October 15 for staff training. The Library will be open for regular hours (10:00am–5:00pm) on Saturday, October 16.

### JOIN THE PTSA “SUPER SALE TRAIL” TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!

Host your own garage/yard sale October 16 and donate the proceeds to PTSA

The 58th Annual PTSA Super Sale again will look a bit different this year, and you can help make it a success! Due to COVID-19 safety precautions the PTSA has revised their traditional Super Sale to a Super Sale Trail of individual yard sales. The PTSA invites anyone in the Pittsford community to **sign up ASAP and host their own part of the Super Sale** on Saturday, October 16 from 9:00am - 3:00pm. After the sale, donate the proceeds via Pay Pal or check.



### HOST A SALE

The PTSA will provide a toolkit, promotional materials (including a lawn sign!), and volunteers to help with your sale. Simply collect gently-used items from friends and neighbors, host a sale in your yard on October 16 and forward your proceeds to Pittsford PTSA. Sign up to host: [www.cognitoforms.com/PittsfordPTSA/PittsfordPTSASuperSale2021](http://www.cognitoforms.com/PittsfordPTSA/PittsfordPTSASuperSale2021).

### SHOP

Great treasures abound on the Super Sale Trail! Plus, every student in Pittsford Schools benefits from the proceeds of the sales, so check out one, or stop by all of them. Check out the [Super Sale Trail Map](#) to plan your shopping route!

To be a part of the [Super Sale Trail](#), find more information and sign up here: [www.pittsfordptsa.net/super-sale](http://www.pittsfordptsa.net/super-sale). The PTSA Super Sale provides the majority of funding for PTSA enrichment grants, the Student Opportunity Fund, and a variety of programs and activities to benefit all students. Whether you donate, volunteer, shop or sell, you'll be supporting our Pittsford students!

## ONLINE HALLOWEEN HISTORY PROGRAM WITH THE LIBRARY THIS MONDAY

The Pittsford Community Library invites you to learn about the history of Halloween with their online program this Monday, October 18 at 7:00pm – “Trick-or-Treat: A History of Halloween.” It is said the veil between the living and dead is growing and that spirits freely roam the earth one day each year: Halloween. How did these ancient beliefs develop into modern customs of trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, and wearing costumes?

Maya Rook of Illusory Time and the History Happy Hour series explores the origins of this spooky holiday and the various cultural traditions that weave together into our present-day celebrations. The program is free but registration is required to receive the Zoom link. [Register online via the Library Program Calendar](#) or visit [www.townofpittsford.org/home-library](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library) and use the Library Program Registration link.



### FALL LEAF PICK UP BEGINS OCTOBER 18

#### Separate collection schedules for leaves and yard debris

Fall leaf collection season is almost upon us! See below for details about our leaf and yard debris collection schedule for the remainder of this year. Please remember to keep brush, branches and other yard debris

separate from leaves and place piles at the road edge, behind the curb.

#### LEAF COLLECTION

Beginning October 18, our crews will be in your neighborhood approximately every three weeks to remove **leaf piles** at the edge of roadways.

#### BAGGED/CONTAINERIZED YARD DEBRIS

Weekly collection of **yard debris in paper bags and reusable containers** continues through December 10. After December 10 these items, as well as loose yard debris, will be picked up as needed but not on a set schedule.

#### LOOSE YARD DEBRIS

**Loose yard debris** currently is still being picked up but not on a set schedule.

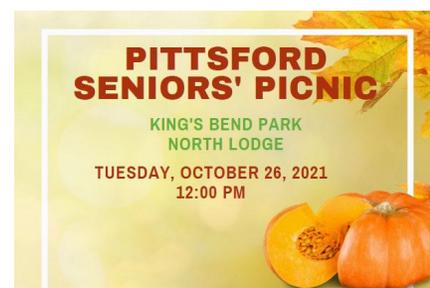
Use our online [Leaf Collection App](#) to see when leaf crews will be in your area and our online [Yard Debris Collection Map](#) to determine your weekly bagged/containerized yard debris collection day. Find them both, and more information, on our Leaf and Yard Debris Collection web page at [www.townofpittsford.org/home-leaf\\_collection](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-leaf_collection).

### SENIORS FALL PICNIC AT KING'S BEND PARK IS OCTOBER 26

**Reservation deadline is this Tuesday, 10/19**

Seniors, join us for our Fall Picnic at King's Bend Park on Tuesday, October 26. Hamburgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs, Linda's famous potato salad, and baked beans are on the menu - plus pumpkin cake with cream topping for dessert. Each person

attending will receive a pumpkin donated by Willard Farms and painted by students from the Pittsford Mendon High School Art Club! Lunch is at 12noon; cost is \$6.00 per person. Advance registration is required by this Tuesday, October 19. Enjoy a beautiful



afternoon with good food, fellowship, and fun. For more information or to register, stop by the Pittsford Seniors office at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center or call 248-6235. King's Bend Park is located at 170 West Jefferson Road.

FRIENDS OF THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## BOOK SALE

FRI., OCT. 22 10 AM - 5 PM

SAT., OCT. 23 10 AM - 5 PM

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT TOWN HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES. FACE MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED. IN THE FISHER ROOM. CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED. THANKS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

[www.pittsfordfriends.com](http://www.pittsfordfriends.com)



## LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE IS OCTOBER 22 - 23

The next [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#) is Friday and Saturday, October 22 and 23 in the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room and features an array of books for all ages (including hardcover and paperbacks), plus games, DVDs, and CDs - all at great prices! Hours are 10:00am – 5:00pm both days. **The sale is open to all!** Tables will be replenished

throughout the sale so everyone has a chance to find some wonderful bookish buys. **Bags will be in short supply so please bring your own** All proceeds benefit our Pittsford Community Library!

## GREENPRINT 25 SPOTLIGHT: KNICKERBOCKER FARMS

The [Town's Greenprint plan](#) preserved three farms in the Knickerbocker family and a fourth that was later purchased by a family member. **The J. Monroe Knickerbocker Farm** has been farmed by the family since the mid-1800s and is currently owned by J. Monroe's son, Larry Knickerbocker. Larry farms with his son Whitney. Larry's young grandsons are the 8<sup>th</sup> generation on the farm and are already eagerly helping out with farm chores.



Overlooking the Irondequoit Valley, the 113-acre farm straddles both sides of Knickerbocker Road. Larry works the main farm, his personal farmland on Mendon Center Road, some leased acreage, and the **Manno Farm** on Willard/Mendon Center Roads, which he was able to purchase by participating in the Greenprint. The 226-acre Mano Farm had been preserved through the Greenprint as well. All together he farms about 500 acres in the Town.

"I bought the Manno Farm with the proceeds from selling the development rights to my farm," says Larry. "And I would never have been able to match the price developers were willing to pay for that farmland without the Greenprint." At the time, land was becoming more and more scarce. "There wasn't enough land to work. Some farmers were forced out," Larry says. He's thankful the Town Greenprint saved so much land from development. "Now there's enough land to keep farming here."

Knickerbocker Farm's main crops are corn, wheat, kidney beans, hay and straw. Their farm stand at 164 Knickerbocker Road offers a bit of everything, all home-grown: sweet corn, tomatoes, squash, peaches, eggs and more, plus pumpkins and cornstalks in the fall.

**The H. Harlan Knickerbocker Farm** has been owned by members of the Knickerbocker family since the Civil War era. It comprises more than 100 acres of highly-productive land. H. Harlan's grandsons Rob and Alex Menzie currently own the farm, in addition to their farm in Lima, NY. The Menzies lease the farm to Bill Willard of Willard Farms for farming.

## ROTARY ELECTION NIGHT DINNER - DRIVE THRU

## BBQ AT THORNELL FARM PARK, 11/2

The [Rotary Club of Pittsford](#) continues its long tradition of hosting an [Election-Day Supper](#) by serving drive-thru chicken BBQ dinners this year prepared by Sticky Lips BBQ. Now in its 55th year, the charity event will be held Tuesday, November 2 from 4:00 - 7:00pm at Thornell Farm Park, 480 Pittsford-Mendon Road in Pittsford, just south of Mendon High School.



Tickets for the supper are \$15 and available online at [www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org](http://www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org) or from any Pittsford Rotarian.

"We conduct this event annually to celebrate our precious right and obligation to vote and and make our voices heard," said Dave Irwin, president of the club. "We'll be observing appropriate safety measures such as wearing gloves and face coverings to provide a safe an environment. Sticky Lips serves some of the best barbeque around and we hope the community responds to help us support local and regional charities while enjoying a great meal."

Rotarians will be on hand to control traffic flow and serve the dinners, which will include a quarter chicken, pulled pork, macaroni salad, Cajun corn, cornbread and a cookie. A \$7.00 Sticky Lips appetizer coupon also will be included with each meal.

All proceeds from this event will be used to support the many charitable organizations that receive assistance from Pittsford Rotary - including the Pittsford Food Cupboard, Habitat for Humanity and the student dictionary project.

## REMINDERS

### TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ARE STREAMING LIVE

Pittsford Town Board meetings are being streamed live; the feed is accessible on any device. Town Board is typically held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at Town Hall. See [www.townofpittsford.org/calendar](http://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar) for meeting dates. To view the livestream, click the [Town Board Meeting live streaming link](#) when the meeting begins. This link can also be found on page two of the meeting agenda. The meeting agenda is posted on the Town's [minutes and agendas page](#) at least two days prior to the meeting. Please note: if you try to log in too early (before the meeting feed is live) you will see an error message; refresh your screen just prior to or at 6:00pm when the board meeting starts and you will be able to view the meeting. As always, ASL interpretation is provided for every Town Board meeting.

### ASL INTERPRETER ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The Town of Pittsford has an American Sign Language interpreter available at every Pittsford Town Board meeting, to interpret for those who need this service. Those who can't attend a Town Board meeting in person but are planning to watch the meeting's live stream can confirm their need for the interpreter by emailing [comments@townofpittsford.org](mailto:comments@townofpittsford.org). Requests can be made in advance or can be emailed through the first ten minutes of the meeting. An on-demand Town Board meeting video with closed captioning will be available within 48 hours of the meeting; visit [www.townofpittsford.org/channel12](http://www.townofpittsford.org/channel12) and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [PTSA Super Sale Trail](#) - garage/yard sales throughout the community to benefit PTSA programs for students, Saturday, October 16, 9:00am - 3:00pm (rain date 10/17), various locations; sale hosts, donations and volunteers needed; the [Super Sale Trail map will be posted here as of 10/1](#). Information at [www.pittsfordptsanet.com/super-sale](http://www.pittsfordptsanet.com/super-sale).
- [Town of Pittsford Family Halloween Fest](#), Sunday, 10/17, 2:00-5:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, indoor and outdoor activities, event parking at Sutherland High School, 55 Sutherland Street; games, crafts, refreshments, requested donation one canned good per person, to benefit Pittsford Food Cupboard.
- [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#), Friday, 9/17 from 12:00 – 7:00pm and Saturday, 9/18, 10:00am – 5:00pm, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, sale is open to all; please note to ensure enough time and space to safely browse, physical distancing and mask wearing required, the number of shoppers in the room at a time will be limited, shopping time will be limited to 20 minutes per guest, bags not available – please bring your own.
- [Rotary Club of Pittsford Election Day Drive-Thru BBQ Supper](#), Tuesday, 11/2, 4:00 - 7:00pm, Thornell Farm Park, 480 Mendon Road. Tickets are \$15 each, available online or from any Rotarian; proceeds to benefit local charities and service organizations.
- [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update](#) – comments made by Town of Pittsford stakeholders via email and mail being accepted; access the Comprehensive Plan, the Active Transportation Plan, the project timeline, a link to the Town's current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, on the [Zoning Code Update website](#) at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate). Comments can be made to [zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org](mailto:zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org) or mailed to Doug DeRue, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534; please indicate whether you are a Town or Village resident.

## TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 10/14, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: [www.townofpittsford.org/minutes](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 10/14, 6:30pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center – room 206, 35 Lincoln Avenue, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the Town website here: [www.townofpittsford.org/minutes](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 10/18, 7:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: [www.townofpittsford.org/minutes](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 10/19, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, ASL interpretation provided, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: [www.townofpittsford.org/minutes](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- [Town Board Zoning Code Update meetings](#) – the Zoning Update meetings are tentatively scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at noon, through the end of 2021. Find updated meeting listings at [www.townofpittsford.org/calendar](http://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar) and find complete Zoning Update information at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Tuesday, 10/19, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting](#), Thursday, 10/21, 3:30pm, Town Hall lower level meeting room, 11 South Main Street - **NOTE UPDATED DAY AND TIME**. Meetings will be live-streamed and recorded; comments can be submitted in advance (mail or email) or at the meeting (email or in person). Find [meeting schedule and comment/viewing info here](#); find complete Zoning Code Update information at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).
- [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899](#) Tuesday morning breakfast and socializing, every Tuesday, 8:00-10:00am, Post 899, Pittsford Village Hall lower level, 21 North Main Street; open to all – meet and socialize with veterans; no charge but donations accepted. Eligible veterans welcome to join the Post; click this link for [membership information](#) or visit the [Rayson-Miller Post website](#)
- [Pittsford Rotary Club](#), Wednesdays (weekly), 7:00am, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) conducts monthly member meetings featuring a guest artist; new members are welcome! The PAG also hosts juried and non-juried shows and displays artwork at various locations throughout Pittsford. For further information or to become a member, please visit [www.pittsfordartgroup.com](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

## COVID-19 Closure Updates

On June 15, 2021, Governor Cuomo announced that COVID-19 restrictions are lifted immediately as 70 percent of New Yorkers aged 18 or older have received the first dose of their COVID-19 vaccination series. The State's health guidance and New York Forward industry specific guidelines—including social gathering limits, capacity restrictions, social distancing, cleaning and disinfection, health screening, and contact information for tracing—are now optional for retail, food services, offices, gyms and fitness centers, amusement and family entertainment, hair salons, barber shops and personal care services, among other commercial settings.

On August 2, 2021, Monroe County was designated as a County with a “substantial” COVID infection. Consequently, the CDC now recommends that people, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask indoors. This is a recommendation, not a mandate. The guidelines are unclear at this point, as is the situation. Neither the State, the County or the Town has imposed a mask *requirement* at this stage. pp

Unvaccinated individuals continue to be responsible for wearing masks, in accordance with federal CDC guidance. Consistent with the State's implementation of the recent CDC guidance, masks are still required for unvaccinated individuals.

For information on the vaccine, on getting the vaccine, regional vaccination data and more visit the [Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub](#).

### Monroe County Services at Town facilities:

The County has suspended until further notice Passport Services at Town Hall and Mobile DMV service at Pittsford Town Court. Find updated information for Monroe County DMV here <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/clerk-COVID-19>.

Further information and updates can be found at [www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info](http://www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info).

# COVID-19 Coronavirus Information Links

Further Town of Pittsford COVID-19 coronavirus information and updates can be found at [www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info](http://www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info).

[Pittsford Central School District COVID-19 Coronavirus Updates](#)

You can find information on COVID-19 coronavirus at the County Health Department's website: <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/health-index.php>.

Additional information about business closure requirements throughout Monroe County can be found on the County's Website: [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov)

The CDC also has information on its website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts-stop-fear.html>.

In addition, the CDC has information relevant to anyone planning to travel outside of the United States: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC\\_2067-DM20785](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM20785).

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