

News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy
Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

IMPROVING AND MAINTAINING OUR PARKS AND TRAILS

At our most recent Town Board meeting, our Parks Foreman Jess Neal presented proposals for a variety of parks projects and improvements. Jess and her team did assessed the Town's current needs and looked for new opportunities to enhance our parks and trails. The proposed items included adding a pollinator garden and native plantings at Great Embankment Park, adding neighborhood connections to the Auburn Trail, improvements to Farm View Park, and the purchase of a tractor and attachments to enable expanded organic pest control and improved trail and field maintenance. The Town Board approved all of the projects and improvements. The highlights are listed below; for more detail, see the Parks Department's proposal at www.townofpittsford.org//files/images/ARPA-funds-proposal-Pittsford-Parks-Dept-2022.pdf.



Parks and Trails improvements:

- Resurface Tennis / Pickleball and Basketball Courts at Thornell Farm Park
- Replace Dog Park Locks
- Reseal Thornell Farm Park Parking Lot
- Reconstruct Isaac Gordon Parking Lot
- Relocating Hydrant at Parks Garage
- Kings Bend Park Building Improvements - replace picture windows and ceiling fans
- Purchase Ventrac Tractor with attachments
- Replace 20 Soccer Nets
- Great Embankment Park Pollinator Garden and Native Trees and Plantings
- Auburn Trail Neighborhood Connections Project
- Farm View Park Improvements - including additional bleachers, outfield fencing and foul poles

The cost of these improvements is \$281,930. All of it is payable from the \$2.8 million in ARPA funds the Town has received from the federal government.

As we did with these Parks improvements and the previously approved Library

improvements, we'll post publicly future initiatives of Town departments that contemplate use of ARPA funds – you'll find them with our Town Board materials for each meeting where they will be discussed. This permits Pittsford residents to comment on the proposals both in person at the meeting or, if you like, by written comments to comments@townofpittsford.org. The Town Board meeting agenda is posted on our minutes and agendas web page at least two days prior to the meeting. Town ARPA funding information can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/arpa-funding.



CELEBRATING OUR ENVIRONMENT – EARTH DAY AND ARBOR DAY ACTIVITIES IN APRIL

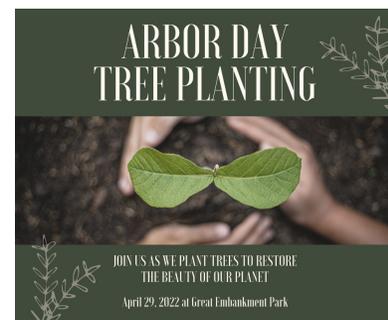
With spring comes the annual return of various events dedicated to nature and the environment – Earth Day, Arbor Day and others. Many celebrate the whole month of April as Earth Month! This year the Town of Pittsford has a variety of events that offer activities and information that can help you make a positive difference in our environment.

Earth Day Celebration at the Community Center – Friday, April 22 from 1:00 – 3:00pm. Our Earth Day event features kid-friendly activities and helpful information to strengthen your green skills and knowledge! Have fun with flowerpot and rock painting, checkers, Frisbee, and can jam and cornhole games. Find information about the Town's extensive trail system and our sustainability initiatives. Monroe County Recycling, Roctricity Renewable Energy, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Color Me Mind, and the Pittsford Garden Club will offer plenty of information and activities. Kona Ice and the Willard Farm Stand will be there too. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

Auburn Trail Cleanup – join us on Saturday, April 23 to help make sure one of our most popular trails is showing off the best of its natural beauty this spring. The Auburn Trail Earth Month Cleanup event will begin at 10:00am. Interested in participating? [Contact Recreation Supervisor Amanda Poulin via email](#) for details and to sign up.

Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony – Friday, April 29, Great Embankment Park

Save the date – more details to come! Our Arbor Day Celebration at Great Embankment Park will feature a commemorative tree planting and Arbor Day proclamation. Town Supervisor Bill Smith also will discuss the Town's plans to earn a Climate Smart Community designation and to become a Certified Tree City USA in 2022. We'll be planting seven trees of three different types, each well suited to this sunny canal side location: Sugar Maple, Oak and Sycamore. These hardy tree species are native to our area and have long life spans – they're expected to add beauty and shade to the park for the next 100 years or more! Great Embankment Park is located at 632 Marsh Road.



Be sure to check our [eNews](#) and the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org for updates as the event dates approach!

“PUBLIC ART MATTERS” PROGRAM THIS SATURDAY AT THE LIBRARY

Join us at the Pittsford Community Library this Saturday,

Public Art Matters

Saturday, April 2 | 2:00-3:00pm
Fisher Meeting Room



April 2 at 2:00pm for a look at some local public art captured by Rochester-based photographer and writer Quajay Donnell. Donnell documents public art while also capturing the community in which it's found. He'll show some of his favorite images, share some behind-the-scenes stories about them, and explain exactly why he thinks public art matters. The program is free and open to the public but registration is required. [Use this link to register online](#) via the Library calendar or find the registration calendar under the Events tab at

www.townofpittsford.org/library.

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#). For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit www.townofpittsford.org/library.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION & eRECYCLING IS SATURDAY, MAY 14

Registration for HHW drop off appointments begins April 4

The Town of Pittsford's annual appointment-only Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event will again be combined with our Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding program and held Saturday, May 14, in collaboration with the Town of Perinton at the Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobb's Lane, from 7:45am to 12:00pm. Up to 30 gallons of allowed HHW materials per appointment will be accepted at no charge.



Certified document shredding (residential only) will also be available at no charge. **To ensure safety and reduce waiting times, appointments are required for hazardous waste disposal**; an appointment is NOT necessary for electronics recycling and/or document shredding only. **HHW appointment scheduling will be available as of Monday, April 4.** Pittsford and East Rochester residents can make an appointment by calling 248-6250, or by going online to <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/ecopark> on or after April 4. HHW appointments must be reserved by Friday, May 13 but please note **appointments may fill up well in advance of the event; early registration is encouraged**. Please note, waste from businesses will not be accepted.

Please note the following fees will be charged (cash only) for recycling televisions and computer monitors with CRT (tube) screens: Computer Monitor - \$10.00; CRT Television under 27" - \$20.00; CRT Television over 27" - \$40.00; Oversized (Console, Rear-Projection) CRT Televisions - \$50.00. Fee payments will be accepted in cash only.

More information, including the [list of hazardous materials and electronics accepted for collection](#), can be found on the Town website news page [here](#).

PARKS DEPARTMENT SEASONAL LABORER, GARDENER, AND PARKS PATROL POSITION OPENINGS

Application Deadlines this Thursday, March 31

The Town of Pittsford's Parks Department has openings for **seasonal laborers** and **parks patrol**. Duties for these positions include mowing, trimming, weeding, playing



field preparation, trail work, and a variety of other tasks and require work outdoors in all weather conditions. Additional Parks Patrol duties include responsibilities associated with lodge reservations including check-in and check-out, cleaning, minor repairs, and problem solving.

A seasonal gardener position also is open – this position provides grounds maintenance at the Pittsford Community Library, King's Bend Park, and neighboring parks, including planting, weeding, edging, watering, trimming, mulching and site cleanup.

The application deadline for all of these positions is this Thursday, March 31, 2022. For complete job descriptions and application information visit the "Employment Opportunities" page link under the "Contact Us" tab on the Town website, or click the links below:

[Seasonal Laborer, Parks Department](#) (40 hours/week, M - F).

[Seasonal Laborer/Parks Patrol](#) (40 hours/wk, Wed. – Sat., see posting for hours).

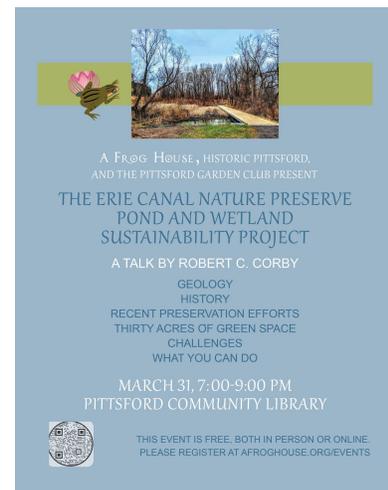
[Seasonal Laborer – Gardener](#) (40 hours/week, M - F)

For complete job descriptions and application information for all open positions, visit the Town's job listings web page at www.townofpittsford.org/hr-pittsford-employment-opportunities.

PROGRAM ON ERIE CANAL NATURE PRESERVE PONDS & WETLANDS THIS THURSDAY

Online & In-Person program at Library on March 31

A Frog House's collaborative project focus this year is on the Erie Canal Nature Preserve ponds and wetlands. Historic Pittsford and The Pittsford Garden Club are joining A Frog House to host a program this Thursday, March 31 at the Pittsford Community Library that focuses on the ponds and wetlands found in the thirty acre area of green space in the heart of Pittsford that comprises the Town's Erie Canal Nature Preserve and surrounding areas. Former Village Mayor Bob Corby will talk about the area's geology, history and recent preservation efforts. The program will be held in person at the Pittsford Community Library and via Zoom on Thursday, March 31 at 7:00pm. The program is free and open to the public, but registration is requested and is required to receive a Zoom link. [Visit this link for information and to register](#). The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.



PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE & MAGAZINE COLLECTION IS THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 2
Donations will go to Pittsford Food Cupboard, St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, and the Veterans Outreach Center

The [Rotary Club of Pittsford](#), in collaboration with the Town of Pittsford, is holding a drive-through canned and packaged food and donations drive to benefit the

[Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), [St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center](#) and the [Veteran's Outreach Center](#) this Saturday, April 2 from 9:00am – noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street. *Gently used recent issues (past 12 months) of magazines will also be collected for distribution to various social agencies in the Rochester area.*

[St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center](#) provides comprehensive physical and mental health services to uninsured and under-insured people in and around Rochester. The [Veterans Outreach Center](#) provides to veterans employment assistance and job training, health and wellness programs, veteran and family support programs, legal counseling, and a residential program, among other services.

Specific items needed for this month's food drive include soap, shampoo, hygiene products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, shaving razors, cleaning supplies and other items needed for [St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center](#); dry or canned food for dogs, cats and birds, pet toys, new undergarments and lightweight socks (women's and men's), baby formula and other items needed for the [Veteran's Outreach Center](#); and a variety of canned and other packaged goods needed for Pittsford Food Cupboard (see [list of Pittsford Food Cupboard needs](#)); reusable grocery bags also needed. Click the links above for more complete lists of needs.

Rotarians, students from the Pittsford Interact Club and Town staff will be collecting items rain, snow or shine.

All volunteers working will be taking COVID-19 precautionary measures, including wearing face coverings and gloves and maintaining safe distances. The Pittsford Food Cupboard and the St. Andrews Food Cupboard are among the many organizations that benefit from Pittsford Rotary's mission of service to our community and beyond. Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can!

ART VENDOR OPENINGS FOR PADDLE AND POUR FESTIVAL - APPLICATION DEADLINE FRIDAY

The Town of Pittsford has openings for artists and artisans to participate in this year's Paddle and Pour Art & Music Festival to be held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, on May 28, in the Pittsford Community Library parking lot (24 State St). The artist application deadline is this Friday, April 1.



Paddle and Pour is one of our most popular and best-attended events. Thousands of residents and visitors come out to enjoy live music all day, beverages from local breweries and wineries, food from local eateries, family activities, and the opportunity to shop for works from local artists and artisans. The Pittsford Regatta will be taking place that day as well.

Interested artists and artisans should apply by April 1 ; [find our vendor application here](#). All items for sale must be original art (drawing, painting, photography, digital art, sculpture, mixed media, etc.) or handmade artisan items (jewelry, woodworking, ceramics, leatherwork, fiber/textile, metalwork, printmaking, glasswork, soap/body care, etc.). The Art and Artisan Marketplace will be open from 12noon – 9:00pm on the day of the festival. See the application for details or for more information contact Alison at (585) 248-6287 or ABurchett@townofpittsford.org. Find festival details as the date approaches at www.townofpittsford.org/paddleandpour.



BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY

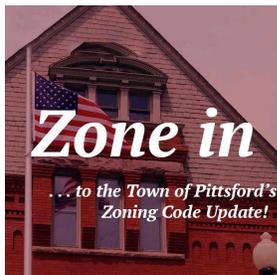
The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, April 1 from 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room. The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford.

Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or using this [online registration link](#). Please schedule an appointment prior to your arrival to help ensure we can safely manage the flow of donors.

The Red Cross will be following all current COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive. Donors can save time using the RapidPass registration process. Just visit www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass on the day of your scheduled donation, read the information, answer the questions, then print or email yourself the pass.

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others. **The complexities of COVID-19 mean your help is needed now more than ever.** The Red Cross has the ability to move blood around the country to wherever, and whenever, it is needed most. **All blood, platelet and plasma donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies as well.** The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. This also will allow the Red Cross to identify COVID-19 convalescent plasma, which is being used by hospitals to help treat immunocompromised COVID-19 patients.

As we continue to navigate this pandemic, blood donations remain essential to the health of our communities. The Red Cross needs the ongoing support of blood donors and blood drive hosts to ensure blood products are available for patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. If you are eligible and feeling well, please make an appointment today to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 800-RED-CROSS.



ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING VIDEO AVAILABLE ONLINE

If you missed the March 23 Town Board Zoning Code Update meeting, you can view it online at this link: [Town Board Zoning Code Update Meeting 3/23/22](#). Complete information about the Town's Zoning Code Update can be found at <http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate>.

REMINDERS

ARPA FUND PROJECTS: YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Identifying projects for municipal improvements that may be eligible for ARPA funding is something for all residents to consider. We want to hear your suggestions for possible uses for the \$2.8 million in federal funds that the Town has received under the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"). Meant to mitigate the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic sustained by local government, ARPA funds allow municipalities to recoup



revenue losses, to complete deferred projects, programs and maintenance and pursue other projects related to municipal services.

The Town Board has in mind projects that can be fully completed without recourse to other funding. You can share your ideas with us at any Town Board meeting in person. You also can send an email with your suggestions to the Supervisor and Town Board members together – email them at www.townofpittsford.org/electedboard/contact.

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 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. 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 and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Erie Canal Nature Preserve Ponds & Wetlands program](#), Thursday, 3/31, 7:00pm, via Zoom and in-person at Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street; [visit this link for information and to register](#).
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 4/1, 10:00am – 3:00pm, Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; [schedule an appointment in advance using this online registration link](#) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767); the Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive, for more information visit www.redcrossblood.org.
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 4/2, 9:00am - 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; soap, shampoo, hygiene products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, cleaning supplies and other items needed for [St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center](#); dry or canned food for dogs, cats and birds, pet toys, new undergarments and lightweight socks (women's and men's) and other items needed for [Veteran's Outreach Center](#); canned and other packaged goods needed for Pittsford Food Cupboard (see [list of Pittsford Food Cupboard needs](#)).
- **Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith** - join the conversation with Town Supervisor Bill Smith at this casual open house, topics of discussion based upon attendee

interest; Saturday, 4/9, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street.

- [Household Hazardous Waste/e-Recycling/Document Shredding event](#), Saturday, 5/14, 7:45am-12:00pm, Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobb's Lane. Appointment needed for hazardous waste disposal only, no appointment needed for electronics recycling and/or document shredding; for HHW appointment Pittsford residents can call 248-6250, or go online to www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark. More information, including the list of hazardous materials and electronics accepted for collection, can be found [HERE](#).
- [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. Comments can be made to 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

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 4/4, 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
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 4/5, 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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Board of Education Budget Adoption](#) (pending NYS budget) and Regular Meeting, Tuesday, 4/5, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [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, masks are required; meetings also can be accessed live via Zoom - check the Pittsford Rotary Facebook page for virtual meeting details
- [Women's Club of Pittsford](#) - charitable organization serving the community through service projects and civic improvement; membership is open to any woman living in Pittsford or the surrounding areas. Meetings held the third Thursday of the month, September through June; due to the COVID-19 pandemic, decisions to hold meetings in person or virtually are made month to month. Visit the website at <https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org> for more information
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) conducts monthly member meetings (via Zoom and in person) 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 and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

COVID-19 Access Updates

3/2/22 Update: the Statewide mask mandate for schools expired 3/1, mask use is now optional in Pittsford School District schools; for more information, visit www.pittsfordschools.org/COVID-19INFORMATION. The mandate remains in place for health care facilities, transportation and other related entities .

2/10/22 Update: the Statewide mask mandate has expired for indoor public spaces including grocery stores, shops and offices. The mandate remains for other settings such as health care facilities and schools.

1/31/22 Update: the Governor's mask mandate extended to February 10, 2022.

12/13/21 Update: By order of NYS Governor Kathy Hochul, until January 15, 2022 the Town must require all persons entering Town buildings to be masked, regardless of vaccination status. This applies to all Town indoor facilities, including Town Hall, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, the Pittsford Community Library, Town Court and the Highway Department, Sewer Department and Parks Department offices.

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.

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.

COVID-19 Coronavirus Information Links

Further Town of Pittsford COVID-19 coronavirus information and updates can be found at 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://www.monroecounty.gov/health>.

Additional information about COVID-19 testing and health requirements throughout Monroe County can be found on the County's Website: 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.

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