



Have unique items? Consider sharing with Grand Island Historical Society

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Just like everything else, the Grand Island Historical Society programs and events have been canceled until further notice. The fourth grade tours scheduled for May will not happen this year and there will be no installation dinner on June 4 when the group was planning to learn about Niagara daredevils. But just as soon as gatherings are allowed, the society will be back in action!

With extra time at home, many have been cleaning and reorganizing. Did you find anything that would make a great yard sale item? The Society is planning a fall yard sale event and would really appreciate donations of any kind. Please set aside items and watch for an announcement regarding drop-off of items, and people to contact if you'd like someone to pick up your donations.

Perhaps you discovered some photos or other historical memorabilia that you no longer want. Before you toss them, please consider donating them to the Historical Society. Accurate historical preservation depends on having everyday items, documents and photos showing the way things were in the past. The item or photo you no longer care about may provide a missing link to a location, organization or business from the Island's long and interesting history.

If you have any photos in your collection showing Grand Island landmarks or scenes from years ago, please consider letting the

Historical Society scan them. Once we are able to meet again, the Society will schedule some scanning sessions where you can bring your photos and they can be scanned while you wait.

The GI Historical Society began in 1962 when a group of Islanders decided that local history was important and needed to be preserved. In 1965, the group appealed to the state of New York to save River Lea. The building was scheduled for demolition to make room for an expansion of Beaver Island State Park that included an 18-hole golf course.

In the end, the golf course was reconfigured and the building escaped the wrecker's ball. River Lea was not only saved, it became the home of the Museum for the Grand Island Historical Society! Now, 55 years later, much has been accomplished and there is much more to do.

Please consider joining and helping preserve Island history and educating others about it. There is a need and a job for everyone! Annual membership is only \$20 and new members are welcome at any time. The Society's fiscal year runs from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31 with September being designated as "Membership Month." Find a membership form online at www.isledegrande.com (click "Historical Society" in the column of organizations on the left side of the home page) or get one from any Society member.

Any questions? Contact me at 255-5838.

Where to get coronavirus testing

More COVID-19 testing availability in Erie County.

•Rite Aid (Niagara Falls/Buffalo)
Congressman Brian Higgins received confirmation Rite Aid is planning to locate two new drive-thru COVID-19 testing sites in Western New York: one in the City of Niagara Falls and one in Buffalo's coronavirus hotspot within the 14215 ZIP code.

Late Monday, Rite Aid confirmed plans to accommodate drive-thru testing at its locations at 1030 Pine Ave., Niagara Falls; and 2474 Bailey Ave., Buffalo.

Rite Aid told Higgins' office it is exploring safe ways to accommodate tests for those walking up or arriving by way of public transportation.

Coordination and training is currently underway, but Rite Aid said it hoped to have the Buffalo and Niagara Falls testing sites up and running within the next week or so.

Adults wishing to be tested for the disease will need to pre-register on the Rite Aid website once the sites are open. Additional details will be provided in the coming days.

Erie County Department of Health

Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz announced anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 or is at risk for the coronavirus is eligible for testing through the Erie County Department of Health.

No doctor's referral is required.

Call 858-2929 to make an appointment.

Kaleida Health Testing Site

Kaleida Health has a testing site at the Leroy R. Coles Jr. Library on East Delevan Avenue in Buffalo. People with COVID-19 symptoms can make an appointment by visiting www.kaleidahealth.org/coronavirus. A prescription or doctor's referral is preferred. The site has hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

New York State Department of Health

New York opened a drive-thru testing site on Perry Street in the Cobblestone District in Buffalo. Sampling here is for high-risk individuals – those who are in close contact to someone who has already tested positive; health care workers; nursing home employees; first responders on the front line.

An appointment is required. Call 1-888-364-3065 to see about qualification. If approved, an appointment will be scheduled.

Guidelines

The Erie County Department of Health has updated its COVID-19 testing to include anyone who believes they may have been exposed to or at risk for COVID-19.

This update will expand upon previous testing criteria, which included any individual with symptoms of COVID-19, including any of the following: fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, cough, shortness of breath, chills, repeated

shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, diarrhea, new loss of taste or smell.

Individuals who are not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (asymptomatic) at the time of sample collection would not be subject to a commissioner's isolation order. However, any asymptomatic person who receives a positive COVID-19 test result is subject to the commissioner's isolation order.

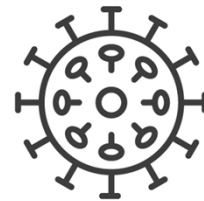
Any individual who has COVID-19 symptoms at the time their sample is collected will be under a commissioner's isolation order until their test results are available. Anyone who develops COVID-19 symptoms before they receive their results should take immediate steps to remain at home, isolate themselves from others in their household, and consult with their physician.

Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms are strongly encouraged to contact their primary care physician to help manage their care.

To start the COVID-19 diagnostic testing process through the Erie County Department of Health, call 858-2929. Foreign language interpretation is available.

The expansion of Erie County's criteria is possible because of the increase in testing capacity by the Erie County Public Health Lab, the New York State Department of Health, and partners in the health care community including Kaleida Health.

Get Tested



Essential Workers in New York State can make an appointment to be tested at one of our drive through or walk in testing sites by calling the COVID-19 Hotline at **1-888-364-3065** or online at **covid19screening.health.ny.gov**

Testing Sites located in Suffolk, Nassau, Queens, Kings, Richmond, Bronx, New York, Westchester, Rockland, Albany, Broome, Oneida, Monroe, Erie and Niagara Counties

Individuals who are employed as health care workers, first responders, or in any position within a nursing home, long-term care facility, or other congregate care setting, including but not limited to:

- Correction/Parole/Probation Officers
- Direct Care Providers
- Firefighters
- Health Care Practitioners, Professionals, Aides, and Support Staff (e.g. Physicians, Nurses, Public Health Personnel)
- Medical Specialists
- Nutritionists and Dietitians
- Occupational/Physical/Recreational/Speech Therapists
- Paramedics/Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs)
- Police Officers
- Psychologists/Psychiatrists
- Residential Care Program Managers

Individuals who are employed as essential employees who directly interact with the public while working, including but not limited to:

- Animal Care Workers (e.g. Veterinarians)
- Automotive Service and Repair Workers
- Bank Tellers and Workers
- Building Code Enforcement Officers
- Child Care Workers
- Client-Facing Case Managers and Coordinators
- Counselors (e.g. Mental Health, Addiction, Youth, Vocational, Crisis, etc.)
- Delivery Workers
- Dentists and Dental Hygienists
- Essential Construction Workers at Occupied Residences or Buildings
- Faith-Based Leaders (e.g. Chaplains, Clergy Members)
- Field Investigators/Regulators for Health and Safety
- Food Service Workers
- Funeral Home Workers
- Hotel/Motel Workers
- Human Services Providers
- Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers
- Mail and Shipping Workers
- Maintenance and Janitorial/Cleaning Workers
- Optometrists, Opticians, and Supporting Staff
- Retail Workers at Essential Businesses (e.g. Grocery Stores, Pharmacies, Convenience Stores, Gas Stations, Hardware Stores)
- Security Guards and Personnel
- Shelter Workers and Homelessness Support Staff
- Social Workers
- Teachers/Professors/Educators
- Transit Workers (e.g. Airports, Railways, Buses, and For-Hire Vehicles)
- Trash and Recycling Workers
- Utility Workers



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