



# TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

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March 24, 2020

New York State Department of Health  
Corning Tower  
Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12237

Dear Sirs:

As Supervisor of the Town of Philipstown, I have declared a state of emergency pursuant to Executive Law 24, and I propose to issue the enclosed emergency order prohibiting all persons from entering or congregating at all roadside parking at trailheads on Route 9D in the Town of Philipstown. The Town is experiencing a large number of visitors congregating in the area for recreational purposes and such congregation presents a clear and present danger of transmission of the COVID-19 virus to others.

Local Chief Executive contact information: Richard Shea, Town Supervisor of Town of Philipstown, 238 Main Street, P.O. Box 155, Cold Spring, New York 10516. Telephone number: 845-265-5200, E-mail address: [supervisor@philipstown.com](mailto:supervisor@philipstown.com).

Method of enforcement: Local Police and/or County Sheriff to enforce said order.

If approved, the said order will go into effect immediately.

Attached is a letter of support from the Mayor of Cold Spring, which lies within the Town of Philipstown.

Richard Shea, Supervisor  
Town of Philipstown

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Attachment

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 1 PURSUANT TO  
NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE LAW §24**

WHEREAS, the existing pandemic of corona virus (COVID-19) has produced public health emergency within the unincorporated area of the Town of Philipstown; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Town Supervisor proclaimed a state of local emergency pursuant to New York State Executive Law §24; and

WHEREAS, the existing state of emergency requires that all persons are prohibited from entering or congregating at all roadside parking at trailheads on Route 9D in the Town of Philipstown immediately;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me as Supervisor of the Town of Philipstown and pursuant to Section 24 of the Executive Law of the State of New York, I hereby order and direct that:

1. Effective immediately, all persons are prohibited from entering or congregating at all roadside parking at trailheads on Route 9D in the Town of Philipstown immediately;
2. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 24, Subdivision 2, this order shall cease to be in effect five days after promulgation unless it appears to the Supervisor of the Town of Philipstown that the emergency conditions continue, in which case this Order may be extended for an additional five days.

March 24, 2020

TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Richard Shea, Supervisor

New York State Department of Health

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the mayor of the Village of Cold Spring, a small village of approx.. 2000 residents, situated on the banks of the Hudson River in the Town of Philipstown. I am writing in support of the Town of Philipstown's request to declare a State of Emergency and in so doing close the parking areas located at the trail heads of all hiking trails in Philipstown. Considering the current pandemic and following Governor Cuomo's directives on Social Distancing it would seem only logical to curtail the use of our local State Park hiking trails. Throwing caution to the wind and ignoring all DOH recommendations, people took to their vehicles in large numbers and inundated our small village this past weekend. From a safety point of view I cannot tell you how disturbing the site of several hundred visitors, parked haphazardly along our highways and streets was. Groups walking shoulder to shoulder and even Tailgating in the parking lots! Many of these hikers most likely visited our small local supermarket after their excursion, buying up limited supplies of produce and potentially exposing employees and local shoppers to Corvid-19.

The State Park Hiking trails in Philipstown are some of the most, if not the most, hiked trails in the nation and continuing to allow visitors to use the trails during this unprecedented time would seem both irresponsible and irrational.

Please approve the request of Supervisor Shea and the Town of Philipstown.

Thank you for your work during this crisis and most importantly, stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Dave Merandy, Mayor  
Village of Cold Spring



**Department  
of Health**

**ANDREW M. CUOMO**  
Governor

**HOWARD A. ZUCKER, M.D., J.D.**  
Commissioner

**SALLY DRESLIN, M.S., R.N.**  
Executive Deputy Commissioner

March 24, 2020

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RE: Approval of Town of Philipstown's Emergency Order No. 1

Dear Supervisor Shea:

Pursuant to Executive Order 202.5, signed March 18, 2020, the Town of Philipstown's Emergency Order No. 1 has been reviewed by the New York State Department of Health and is hereby APPROVED, effective as of the date of this letter. Pursuant to Executive Law § 24(2), such order shall be in effect for five (5) days, unless extended.