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BREWSTER, NY— As part of the response to the COVID-19 outbreak and in an effort to reduce exposure and the spread of the virus, Putnam County Government has closed all county facilities to the public, but essential county services will continue, Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell announced.

For emergencies and emergencies only, the public should contact the department directly via phone. Please check our [website directory](#) for the direct numbers to each department.

County Executive Odell acknowledges the sacrifices that we as a community make as we respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.

“During these challenging times, I am proud of the way the community is stepping up and doing what it takes to support each other,” Odell said. “We will remain diligent and together we will work through this.”

Odell’s administration has been working closely with the Putnam County Legislature to implement the rapidly unfolding policy changes.

“We will do all that we can to keep Putnam residents and employees safe,” Putnam County Legislature Chairwoman Toni Addonizio said. “These are challenging times but we want the public to know we are looking out for them.”

Drop boxes have been installed at the County Office Building and will be installed at other facilities in the near future for any essential paperwork the public needs to submit to the county. It is advisable to call the relevant department before leaving any documents.

Additionally, all county operations have been reduced by 50% to comply with Governor Cuomo’s directive of 3/16/20. Be assured that essential services remain fully staffed.

As per President Trump's guidelines, it is recommended that gatherings be limited to 10 people or less and travel should be limited only on an as-needed basis.

Putnam County Government is focused on the safety of its residents, employees and community. The Health Department remains the lead agency and is working very closely with the Bureau of Emergency Services and all departments and is coordinating daily with federal, state and local officials. We will continue to keep the public updated as new information is received.

The mission of the Putnam County Department of Health, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), is to improve and protect the health of the Putnam County community, composed of nearly 100,000 residents. Core services include community health assessment, disease surveillance and control, emergency preparedness, environmental health protection, family health promotion and health education. For more information, please visit our County website at www.putnamcountyny.com/coronavirus; or visit our social media sites on Facebook at www.facebook.com/putnamhealthny and Twitter @PutnamHealthNY.

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