



# NASSAU COUNTY

## Office of Asian American Affairs

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## Happy Holidays!

The Office of Asian American Affairs' would like to wish everyone a happy International Worker' Day, Vesak, and Ramadan!

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM)-- a commemoration and acknowledgement of Asian Americans' and Pacific Islanders' contributions and achievements to America's culture, history and success. This year, APAHM will be like no other. We need to be sure to remain within the CDC guidelines of social distancing. Celebrate in your respective homes and observe virtually with family and friends who do not live with you. Long Island is now a hotspot for COVID-19. It is a crucial, collective obligation to follow these protocols to curb the spread. Remember, the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus!



## A Message of Hope from County Executive Laura Curran

"This is daunting but we are Long Islanders. We are New Yorkers. And we are Americans in this together. It is in these moments, as in the months after September 11, that remind us what we are made of. We are

resilient. We can adapt. We will meet the moment. So let's continue to fight this virus with the bravery and love we've been demonstrating. Instead of letting this bring us down, let's continue to rise up. Let's keep taking care of and protecting one another. And let's work together to make sure Nassau County comes back healthier and stronger than ever. [...] God bless you. God bless our hospital workers, first responders, and essential workers. And God bless the United States of America" —County Executive Laura Curran, April 23rd at the COVID-19 Address



## Stay Ahead

Our office provides constituents with COVID-19 public service announcements. These announcements can be found on our social media pages and are offered in Mandarin, Hindi, Urdu, Bengali and Arabic so that we may reach a wider breadth of the Asian community. We understand the importance of language access in improving public service and the public's well being. Please be sure to visit our website at <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/4772/Asian-American-Affairs> to learn more about what we do and to keep abreast of the latest COVID-19 developments.



To stay informed of Nassau County-issued COVID-19 alerts and to sign up for text updates from the County Executive in English, Mandarin, Urdu, or Hindi, please visit <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/sms>

## No Place for Hate in Nassau County



The County is concerned about reports of discrimination against Asians in connection with the COVID-19 crisis and has developed a comprehensive resource guide to inform our residents

about their rights and how to report any discriminatory or harassing behavior. The guide is also offered in 4 prominent Asian languages.

**LAURA CURRAN**  
NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE



**FARRAH MOZAWALLA**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
ASIAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS

**Coronavirus/COVID-19  
Information/Contact Sheet**

Nassau County is working to regularly disseminate useful information to all our constituents concerning the Coronavirus/COVID-19. Our residents' health and safety are our number one priority.

Please refer to the information below:

I. For the Latest Facts on COVID-19 Contact:

**Nassau County Coronavirus Call Center:**  
(516)-227-9570

**Centers for Disease Control (CDC):**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Additionally, we understand that some residents are concerned about reports of discriminatory or harassing behavior toward members of the Asian American community, due to association with the virus. **Anyone who is being threatened with physical harm should of course contact 911 immediately.**

II. To Report Possible Cases of Discrimination Contact  
**New York State Bias and Discrimination Hotline:**  
1(888) 392-3644

**NY Attorney General's Discrimination Hotline:**  
1-800-771-7755 or [civil.rights@ag.ny.gov](mailto:civil.rights@ag.ny.gov)

**Nassau County Human Rights Commission**  
516-571-3662

III. To Report Alleged Incidents of Discrimination in School Settings  
Note that this should be brought to the attention of the **local school district** before the following resources.

**US Dept of Education Office for Civil Rights**  
(646) 428-3800 or [OCB.NewYork@ed.gov](mailto:OCB.NewYork@ed.gov)

**NYS Dept of Education Student Support Services:**  
(518) 486-6090 or [StudentSupportService@nysed.gov](mailto:StudentSupportService@nysed.gov)

IV. Additional Resources:  
To report price gouging of masks, sanitizers, and other health and safety products, contact

**Nassau County Office of Consumer Affairs:**  
[pricegouging@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:pricegouging@nassaucountyny.gov)

**Nassau County Office of Asian American Affairs:**  
(516) 572-2244 or [AsianAffairs@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:AsianAffairs@nassaucountyny.gov)

The Office of Asian American Affairs adamantly condemns xenophobic acts. Nassau County is a place for diversity and inclusion, not hate. It is especially in these trying times, where loss and heartbreak is palpable, that we should unite together and show one another compassion and love.

## Heroes Revealed!

The Office of Asian American Affairs applauds the heroes who are keeping our nation afloat in the midst of this dangerous, precarious period. We are doing whatever we can to assist them in their cause.



There is tremendous stress on the healthcare system, and Long Island hospitals' capacity is stretched thin. To relieve this pressure, our office has teamed up with nonprofits to coordinate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) donations to several hospitals in Nassau County. We have facilitated safety materials donations to grocery workers' unions and COVID-19 relief agencies as well.



We are also greatly indebted to first responders who are risking their lives for the community's security. To show our sincere gratitude, we have coordinated care packages and hot lunch deliveries to the Nassau County Police Department and healthcare workers. We appreciate their unfaltering fight against COVID-19.



Thank you to our brave essential workers. You are our heroes.

## Information on Small Business Loans

Our office recognizes the financial toll this pandemic has caused on small business owners. In response, we are regularly updating our constituents on federal and state economic relief opportunities, such as the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) or the Payment Protection Program (PPP).

EIDL provides loans of up to \$2 million dollars to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue due to the coronavirus. PPP is a forgivable loan that incentivizes small business owners to retain their workforce and rehire laid-off workers. To contact the SBA Customer Service Center, call 1-800-659-2955 or (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or email [DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov](mailto:DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov). Visit [sba.gov](http://sba.gov) to learn more.

If you are having difficulty filling out the application due to language barriers, please contact our office for assistance.

## Asian Pacific Heritage Month Honorees

In honor of the upcoming Asian Pacific Heritage Month, our office would like to show our appreciation for the outstanding Asian organizations who have stepped up and into the roles of heroes! We would like to thank the following organization for their outpouring support and assistance:

- Long Island Chinese American Association
- Center for Chinese Learning at Stony Brook
- Great Neck Chinese Association
- New York Young Entrepreneur Roundtable
- Chinese Giving Circle
- Chinese Association of Jericho
- New Hyde Park Chinese Association
- Chinese American Association of North Hempstead
- Nankai Alumni Association in NY
- Herricks Chinese Association
- Chinese Center on Long Island
- Roslyn GRACE
- Chinese American Association of Syosset
- Long Island School of Chinese
- Hong Foundation
- Overseas Saving Chinese Children Foundation
- International Leadership Foundation
- Alliance of Youth Leaders in the United States
- Muslim American Community of Syosset
- Manhasset Association of Chinese Americans
- Hubei-NY Association
- CureWell
- ICNA Relief
- Hamza Masjid Ladies Wing
- American Pakistani Advocacy Group
- Pakistani American Community of Long Island
- Ehsaas Foundation
- Islamic Circle of North America Relief
- Memon Association of North America
- Herricks Muslim Family
- Children's Hope India
- Islamic Center of Long Island
- Hillside Islamic Center
- Long Island Halal Guide
- Federation of American Indian Relief
- Muslim Community of New York
- LI Helpers
- Herricks Korean Families



- Women of Bangladeshi Heritage
- Masjid Al-Baqi (Muslims on Long Island)
- Association of Indians in America

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