

**From:** Mayor <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)>  
**Date:** April 15, 2020 at 12:28:19 PM EDT  
**To:** Diane May <[dsm769@verizon.net](mailto:dsm769@verizon.net)>  
**Subject: Re: Covid**

Hi Diane,

Thank you for your email. I hope you and your family are well and are managing alright through this difficult time.

The Village is focused on compliance with social distancing and the Governor's Executive Orders. I mentioned at last night's Village Board meeting the importance of compliance and social distancing. I also sent copies of my comments to the Inquirer and [scarsdale10583.com](http://scarsdale10583.com). Specifically, I said:

"We are beginning to hear that we reached the apex as well as hearing early discussions about easing the restrictions that have been somewhat successful in constraining the spread of the Coronavirus. It is still important for us to continue to be diligent to battle the virus as victory is not yet won. As Governor Cuomo expressed yesterday, "we are controlling the spread of the virus, [but] progress will be incremental." He continued, "The worst is over, if we continue to be smart."

Our path to normalcy may begin as early as next month, but this is a path, not an immediate resumption of regular activities. The pandemic will not be over until there is a proven vaccine. It is important that we continue to listen and follow instructions to protect against a relapse or second wave of infection. We have worked collectively to make real progress and our collective efforts will determine our course until an effective vaccine is available."

I also commented specifically about social distancing: "Please be diligent in social distancing when outside of the home. Governor Cuomo announced the state is increasing the maximum fine for violations of the state's social distancing protocol from \$500 to \$1,000 to help address the lack of adherence to the protocols.

It is critical for management of the pandemic that we strictly adhere to social distancing – for our own benefit and for our friends and neighbors, especially those who are most at risk. Also, inform your children of the importance of social distancing. Thank you for your diligence – whether on line at a store or walking. It is up to each of us."

The Scarsdale Police Department continue to enforce compliance with social distancing and use of facilities which are closed, such as the Butler Field track and playgrounds.

I will continue to articulate the importance of compliance, though I believe that compliance may become more challenging as the weather continues to improve and as people see that we are on a

downward trajectory of new cases, hospitalizations and deaths. Please know that our Police Department will remain vigilant.

Thank you again for your thoughtful note.

Be well.

Best regards,

Marc

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 15, 2020, at 10:25 AM, Diane May <[dsm769@verizon.net](mailto:dsm769@verizon.net)> wrote:

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Dear Mayor Samwick,

As someone who has worked in public health for over 20 years and currently is in clinical care, I implore you to send a message to the residence of Scarsdale. We are not doing the best job we can of self-distancing. There are gatherings in the Golden horseshoe, people are still walking the track, packing local parks and kids are getting together for dates. I am aware that people are inviting their housekeepers and nannies back into their homes. People have gone so far as to say they cannot tell their teenagers what do, and that others can tell them to go home. We all need to be responsible. Families not being compliant should be fined.

As long as Scarsdale is unwilling to follow social distance guidelines, we will be unable to flatten the curve. Our local hospitals are being crushed and medical staff are reaching their limits.

The relatively short term isolation will lead to significant long term benefit, but as long as this community does not take this seriously, there will be continued loss of life and suffering.

You need to be the voice of reason and authority to make it clear to this community that we all need to follow the guidelines. The consequences risk lives.

Thank you and I hope you and your family are well and safe,

Diane May

Sent from my iPhone