



March 16th, 2020

To the **residents of Davis Park and Ocean Ridge:**

The Davis Park Fire Department and Fire District is taking steps to better assist the community and our residents during the COVID-19 Corona Virus outbreak. This is an evolving situation and we are following guidance from Federal, NY State and local authorities including the Depts. of Health and the CDC and are in daily communication as the situation progresses.

Although the first ferries were this weekend and we are all anxious to get back to Davis Park please consider the limited access and limited resources if you are contemplating opening your house and waiting out this situation in Davis Park. As you are aware we are the easternmost community on Fire Island and have limited access due to limited ferry schedules and our distance from neighboring Fire Island communities. It is still early in the season and there is a possibility that pipes could freeze. The Davis Park Medical Association is not yet staffed to provide assistance to anyone on the beach. Primary response to Medical Emergencies is provided by the Suffolk County Police Marine Bureau, they operate with minimal manpower at this time of year and any request for assistance may require an extended response if weather and beach conditions permit. Additionally, there are planned power outages as part of a PS EGLI electrical system upgrade. If you are not feeling well or are experiencing any of the signs or symptoms of the virus or are in any of the high risk categories due to your age or medical history the beach is not the place to be especially at this time of year. In the event of a medical emergency please call 911 as the Fire Department is not the primary responder to medical emergencies in our community. The Fire Department will only respond to medical emergencies if requested by the Police Department to assist. If you are experiencing anything that you feel may be virus related please notify the 911 operator when you call and place a note indicating such in a highly visible location near your primary entrance so first responders can take the appropriate measures to protect themselves from exposure.

Additionally, in order to protect our members and their families we ask that all Non-Fire Department personnel refrain from entering the Firehouse and we are unable to provide Non-Emergency transportation with any of the Fire Department vehicles. We ask that all residents follow the recommended guidance for Social Distancing and hand washing until this situation is resolved.

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