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## **UPDATE ON THE MAMARONECK DINER**

### ***Diner Anticipates Reopening For Dinner Tomorrow***

The Westchester County Department of Health has confirmed that people who ate at or worked at the Mamaroneck Diner last week tested positive for Norovirus, a highly contagious stomach bug that causes severe vomiting and diarrhea.

The management and staff of the Diner have been extremely cooperative with the Health Department over the past several days to ensure every precaution is taken to prevent spreading. Norovirus is the most common cause of foodborne illness. The Diner voluntarily closed Friday (May 11, 2018) evening, and has followed the recommendations of the Health Department, which included discarding any open food, single service food containers that might have been contaminated and food that would not require cooking. The Diner also brought in an outside firm to thoroughly clean the restaurant with products that can eradicate Norovirus.

Public health nurses worked over the weekend and today to interview Diner employees and have excluded from work any staff who were ill or had recently been ill. It is up to the Diner's management to determine when to reopen. The health department plans to be present when they do reopen to assure that those who report to work are healthy.

The Health Department has had inspectors on site and will continue this week. Inspectors are reviewing sanitary procedures, as is our routine practice in these situations.

Anyone who experiences nausea, vomiting or diarrhea should stay home, should limit their contact with others to avoid spreading the virus and should not handle food for others while ill. You also may want to contact your physician. Anyone who works in healthcare, childcare or in food preparation should stay home from work until 72 hours after symptoms resolve.

Unfortunately, there is no treatment other than to make sure to drink plenty of fluids. The illness must just run its course. Most people usually recover in a couple of days.

For more information about Norovirus go to [www.westchestergov.com/health](http://www.westchestergov.com/health).

#### **About Westchester County**

Westchester County, located in the heart of the historic Hudson Valley, covers 500 square miles and has a population of just under a million. Originally home to Native Americans, who were members of the Lenape tribe, it is today a rich mix of many cultures and landscapes. The County is a blend of bustling cities, quaint villages and picturesque towns as well as open spaces and a network of beautiful parks. Westchester is made up of 6 cities, 19 towns and 20 villages. Westchester County is known for top-notch public schools, and a high quality of life. The County is also an intellectual capital, boasting a highly educated workforce, competitive colleges and universities, Fortune 500 companies, world changing non-profits, and cutting-edge research centers. Westchester is led

by County Executive George Latimer, who took office in January 2018 as the ninth County Executive. Using inclusion and openness as a foreground, Latimer is fighting to make Westchester a destination for all people to live, work and enjoy. Learn more about Westchester County by visiting [www.westchestergov.com](http://www.westchestergov.com)

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