

County Donations and Situational Reports – week of 4/13/20

What We Achieved This Past Week

Each day, COVID-19 appears in more counties and more communities across New York State.

Yesterday, we announced that there are 24 positive cases for COVID-19 in Chautauqua County, which includes 8 active cases, 13 individuals who have fully recovered and 3 individuals who have passed away. We also have received 399 negative test results. In addition, there are 125 cases under quarantine/isolation orders by the Public Health Director and are being monitored. Not all of those being monitored are confirmed to have COVID-19 but have either shown symptoms, are awaiting results, or have risk factors.

This past week, we setup a new option on the Chautauqua County Public Health COVID-19 Hotline, which allows individuals to call in and hear the daily update of the number of COVID-19 cases in our County. To do so, individuals can call the hotline at 866-604-6789 and select option 6 to hear the daily update.

Along with focusing on health and safety during this pandemic, we also have convened the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG). We are looking at establishing an Economic Recovery and Renaissance sub-committee within the CCPEG structure, which would be charged with helping our business climate in Chautauqua County recover after the COVID-19 pandemic.

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo also extended the current orders regarding the operation of essential and non-essential businesses to April 29, 2020, as well as the postponement or cancellation of all non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size. As such, this will also extend the current limitations on County government operations by two weeks and I will be extending the local emergency declaration for Chautauqua County.

To assist local authorities with the enforcement of his New York State on PAUSE order, Governor Cuomo also established the New York State PAUSE Enforcement Assistance Task Force where individuals can file complaints regarding the operation of non-essential businesses or social gatherings. Complaints can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 1-833-789-0470 or by completing the online intake form by clicking [here](#).

Once a complaint is made, the task force will review it for completeness, accuracy, and applicability under the Governor's Executive Orders. If the task force believes a

complaint is warranted, it will be referred to our local police departments or Sheriff's Office for further investigation and enforcement.

For employees who have COVID-19-related complaints against their employers, they can file a complaint with the New York State Department of Labor by visiting its website at www.labor.ny.gov.

Taking Precautions to Stop the Spread

Our most important message for the public continues to be that we need your help in supporting social distancing and hygiene measures, which are urgent and necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19.

County officials remind residents to wear homemade masks, bandannas or scarves when they are out doing essential tasks such as shopping for food or going to medical appointments. This action is something that Federal and state officials are now recommending to the general public. Although wearing a cloth mask provides little or no personal protection for the individual wearing it, the mask will help protect others from your respiratory droplets.

The New York State Department of Health recommends that face coverings should:

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face;
- be secured with ties or ear loops;
- include multiple layers of fabric;
- allow for breathing without restriction; and
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.

There are also resources available for individuals who would like to make and donate handmade masks. The United Ways of Northern and Southern Chautauqua County have setup six collection sites where individuals can donate cloth masks or the materials to make the masks.

The United Ways' collection sites include:

- Bemus Point United Methodist Church, 4954 Ellery Rd., in Bemus Point, N.Y. Open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, 212 Lakeshore Dr. W., in Dunkirk, N.Y. Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 to 10:30 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m.

- The Relief Zone, 5 Frew Run Rd. in Frewsburg, N.Y. Open Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The drop off is in the parking lot entrance across from the library.
- New Creation Assembly of God, 116 S. Main St. in Jamestown, N.Y. Open Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The drop off is available at the front entrance.
- Sherman Fire Department, 122 Park St. in Sherman, N.Y. Open Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. Go to the lower door, banquet hall entrance.
- Park Church, 49 Sinclair Dr. in Sinclairville, N.Y. Open Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 4 p.m.

In addition to cloth masks, individuals can also donate personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, and women's sanitary products at these collection sites. The United Ways will be distributing donated items to the community through local organizations. Masks will be donated to organizations as the supply exists and priority will be given to organizations on the immediate frontlines of responding to COVID-19. To request donated masks, organizations can contact the United Way of Northern Chautauqua County at (716) 366-5424 or the United Way of Southern Chautauqua County at (716) 483-1561. For more information, visit the United Way of Southern Chautauqua County's website by clicking [here](#).

Resources Are Available

If you need answers to specific COVID-19 questions, check this list and find the agency who can best answer your questions:

- **Chautauqua County Public Health COVID-19 Hotline:** 866-604-6789
- **New York State Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline** 888-364-3065 (24/7)
- **Business-related Questions:** – visit esd.ny.gov or call the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Offices at 716-661-8900
- **Employment Opportunities:** Contact Chautauqua Works at (716) 661-9553, (716) 366-9015 or 1-877-424-9031
- **NYS Unemployment:** File online with the New York State Department of Labor at www.labor.ny.gov .

- **Child Care Council Hotline:** For assistance with child care resources, referrals, and locating child care, call 1-800-424-4532 or email childcare@chautopp.org
- **DHHS Child Care Unit:** To apply for child care subsidies, call 716-753-4192
- **NYS COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline:** 1-844-863-9314
- **Mental Health Crisis Hotline:** 800-724-0461 (24/7)
- **Adult Protective Services/CASA:** 716-753-4447
- **Child Abuse Registry:** 1-800-342-3720 (24/7)
- **Child Support:** 716-753-4555 or email cccseu@co.chautauqua.ny.us
- **HEAP (Heat assistance):** 716-753-4385
- **Meals Assistance:** Contact NY Connects at 716-753-4582, 716-363-4582 or 716-661-7582
- **Office for the Aging Services:** Call NY Connects 716-753-4582
- **Temporary Assistance/SNAP:** 716-661-8200
- **Need something else?** View the United Way's Resource Guide for help with food and other basic needs at <https://www.uwayscc.org/covid-19-get-help> . You can also contact "211" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Dial 2-1-1 or 888-696-9211 or visit www.211wny.org .

We Are All In This Together

Thanks for all you do and the sacrifices we know you are making for the health and safety of our community. We are proud of our work, the efforts you are making, and the collective character this challenge draws. There is no other county we would rather be serving. #CHQStrong.