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**Subject:** Weekly Wrap: Resources & Advocacy to Help



Dear Friend:

Welcome to my Weekly Wrap for March 27, 2020. During this past week, we've all been adjusting to significant changes and challenges in our daily lives as the Governor's Executive Order put New York State on "pause" due to the Coronavirus. Schools and businesses have closed, and numerous workers are now teleworking from home. Thousands of New Yorkers who have lost their jobs filed for unemployment, and the federal, state and local governments continued working to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of residents from COVID-19.

Amid this, we cannot overlook the incredible courage of our health care professionals who continue treating and caring for those with Coronavirus, as well as law enforcement, first responders, truckers, and grocery workers who remain on the job. Many small businesses are working to adapt to the changing environment and are doing all they can in the face of incredible economic uncertainty to remain open and keep their workforces intact.

The Coronavirus crisis is testing us in ways few could have imagined. This edition of the Weekly Wrap once again contains news you can use – facts, phone numbers, email addresses, and websites, from local Chambers of Commerce to the Empire State Development and many more – to help keep you and your loved ones healthy, support our local businesses, assist workers, and learn more about the forthcoming federal relief package.

During the past week, my office has received hundreds of phone calls and emails requesting assistance and information. My staff and I will continue doing everything possible to be of assistance to you and provide this information and help in a timely manner. We will continue working toward the day when the Coronavirus crisis has passed, New York's citizens and economy are recovering, and our lives can return to a sense of normalcy.

Call me at (518) 371-2751, or email me at [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto:jordan@nysenate.gov) if I can be of assistance during this trying time. My prayers, thoughts, and hopes are for the health, safety, and wellbeing of you and your loved ones as we continue moving forward as a community and a country. Together, we are stronger than the storm!

– Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District

### Governor's 10-point NYS on PAUSE Plan

**PAUSE Provisions for Non-Vulnerable Populations**

1. Non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason (e.g. parties, celebrations, or other social events) are cancelled or postponed at this time.
2. Any concentration of individuals outside their home must be limited to workers providing essential services and social distancing should be practiced.
3. When in public individuals must practice social distancing of at least six feet from others.
4. Businesses and entities that provide essential services must implement rules that help facilitate social distancing of at least 6 feet.
5. Individuals should limit outdoor recreational activities to non-contact and avoid activities where you come in close contact with people.
6. Individuals should limit use of public transportation to when absolutely necessary, and should limit potential exposure by spacing out at least 6 feet from other riders.
7. Sick individuals should not leave their home unless to receive medical care, and only after a telehealth visit to determine if leaving the home is in the best interest of their health.
8. Young people should also practice social distancing and avoid contact with vulnerable populations.
9. Precaution: Isopropyl alcohol wipes

**STRICTEST RULES FOR MOST VULNERABLE GROUPS:  
seniors over 70, immune-compromised people, and those with  
underlying illnesses**

- **Remain Indoors**
- **Can go outside for solitary exercise**
- **Pre-screen all visitors and aides by taking their temperature**
- **Do not visit households with multiple people**
- **All vulnerable persons should wear a mask when in the company of others**
- **To the greatest extent possible, everyone in the presence of vulnerable people should wear a mask**
- **Always stay at least six feet away from individuals**
- **Do not take public transportation unless urgent and absolutely necessary**

Governor's 10-point NYS on PAUSE plan (aka Matilda's Law):

Effective at 8PM on Sunday, March 22, all non-essential businesses statewide were closed;

- Non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason (e.g. parties, celebrations or other social events) are canceled or postponed at this time;
- Any concentration of individuals outside their home must be limited to workers providing essential services and social distancing should be practiced;
- When in public individuals must practice social distancing of at least six feet from others;
- Businesses and entities that provide other essential services must implement rules that help facilitate social distancing of at least six feet;
- Individuals should limit outdoor recreational activities to non-contact and avoid activities where they come in close contact with other people;
- Individuals should limit use of public transportation to when absolutely necessary and should limit potential exposure by spacing out at least six feet from other riders;
- Sick individuals should not leave their home unless to receive medical care and only after a telehealth visit to determine if leaving the home is in the best interest of their health;
- Young people should also practice social distancing and avoid contact with vulnerable populations; and

- Use precautionary sanitizer practices such as using isopropyl alcohol wipes.

Matilda's Law includes the following rules for vulnerable populations:

- Remain indoors;
- Can go outside for solitary exercise;
- Pre-screen all visitors and aides by taking their temperature and seeing if person is exhibiting other flu-like symptoms;
- Do not visit households with multiple people;
- Wear a mask when in the company of others;
- To the greatest extent possible, everyone in the presence of vulnerable people should wear a mask;
- Always stay at least six feet away from individuals

## Educational Resources for Children



With the Coronavirus crisis, meaning schools are closed, I've heard from many parents looking for educational resources for their children. Thankfully, WMHT Public Media and Capital Region BOCES have stepped up to the plate with 10 hours of educational programming for kids (grades Pre-K through 12) on WMHT World that started Monday, March 23. I'm also sharing (below) the email my office received from Dr. Joseph



Dragon, Senior Executive Officer, Capital Region BOCES, as it conveys more information. BIG thanks to BOCES and WMHT for thinking of our kids who are homebound during this crisis. Stay safe everyone — and never stop learning!

Date: 03/21/2020

Subject: WMHT and Capital Region BOCES Educational Resources

Dear Capital Region Assembly Members and Senators:

Capital Region BOCES is coordinating with WMHT to support the wide distribution of their educational resources. WMHT has added 10 hours of educational programming on WMHT World starting March 23, 2020, and this along with their existing educational resources provides a wide range of learning materials while school is not in session. We appreciate your support in promoting this information to your constituents to help support families and children, and we hope that is a resource for you to address inquiries that might be coming to your office. You can get additional information here: <https://www.wmht.org/homeclassroom/>.

**We're In This Together!**



Defeating the Coronavirus is a team effort. The New York State Health Department has a new webpage where individuals with health care training and backgrounds can volunteer. Also, on this webpage, you can

learn more about supplying the personal protective equipment New York's health care providers desperately need to mitigate this crisis and protect themselves from the virus. There is also information about donating essential goods, services, and space that will help us win this fight. To learn more, visit <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/get-involved-how-you-can-help>. Thank you and stay safe!

## **New York State Budget Update**

With New Yorkers facing the serious challenge of the COVID-19 health crisis, we can't forget that the 2020-21 State Budget still must be voted on by April 1st, which is our state's fiscal deadline and is just a few days from now. Usually at this time of year, the public is hearing plenty about what's being negotiated in the State Budget and rightfully so because the budget is YOUR money. Clearly, this year is different, a lot different, and even though the budget isn't at the forefront of the headlines and people's minds, it's still being worked on. Unfortunately, it looks like big ticket legislation is still going to find its way into the budget. That's wrong. The budget is the legal authority to spend money, and not a vehicle for public policies. Putting controversial measures in the budget should never happen. This is especially true this year.

However, reports are that the Democrats intend to include policy in their budget, including a ban on polystyrene packaging material used by our restaurants who are already under tremendous strain because of the Coronavirus crisis. Restaurants are fighting every single day to keep their kitchens open while preparing takeout meals for New Yorkers. Now is NOT the time for these regulations! In fact, polystyrene, a recyclable material, is manufactured in New York State. Banning this material will result in the loss of 2,000 good-paying jobs at the very time our economy, and our people, face unprecedented challenges. Similarly, enforcement of the plastic bag ban — a ban that I opposed — has been pushed back until May. Frankly, the bag ban should be scrapped for the duration of the Coronavirus crisis to protect the health of supermarket workers and shoppers alike. Reusable bags can transmit and sustain viruses.

In addition, I have serious concerns that the 2020-21 State Budget is reportedly going to include controversial measures such as bail reform and marijuana legalization, both of which should not be part of the State Budget. These items should be considered as stand-alone legislation so they can receive a proper debate and careful consideration. For example, concerning marijuana legalization, all of the ramifications of this policy

have not been ironed out and other states like Colorado have had considerable issues and impacts caused by this policy.

I'm calling on the Albany Democrats to STOP pushing these job-killing regulations in the budget, eliminate unnecessary red tape on restaurants and other businesses, and to also take non-budgetary matters out of the State Budget. Now is the time for all of us to work together, help end the Coronavirus crisis, and support our small businesses who face unimaginable challenges in the days and weeks ahead.

### **Capital District YMCA Expands Childcare for Essential Workers**



This week saw some more good news from Capital District YMCA regarding its extension of childcare for essential workers as we continue working to mitigate the Coronavirus crisis. Thank you to the YMCA for providing this vital assistance! The YMCA's press release with more details and contact info is below:

**NEW! Capital District YMCA School-Age Childcare. Now Covers “Essential” Workers, New Locations, a Daily Rate — Financial Assistance Offered!**

ALBANY, NY (March 23, 2020) — The Capital District YMCA has extended care to cover “essential” workers. In addition to licensed health professionals such as physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, LPNs, there are many other “essential” workers.

For the complete list, please check here: <https://esd.ny.gov/guidance-executive-order-2026> The Y has also partnered with several other organizations, such as the Victory Church, and is providing food for children in Albany, Greenbush, Schenectady, and Troy.

## Locations Providing Care:

Arbor Hill Elementary — 1 Arbor Drive, Albany, NY 12207

Eagle Point Elementary — 1044 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203

Giffen Elementary — 274 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12202

Hoosick Falls Central School — 21187 NY RT 22, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

New Scotland Elementary — 369 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208

Philip Schuyler Achievement — 676 Clinton Avenue, Albany, NY 12206

Sheridan Preparatory Academy — 400 Sheridan Avenue, Albany, NY 12206

### YMCA Branches Providing Care:

Bethlehem — 900 Delaware Ave, Delmar, NY 12054

Duanesburg — 221 Victoria Drive, Delanson, NY 12053

Glenville — 127 Droms Road, Glenville, NY 12302

Greenbush — 20 Community Way, East Greenbush, NY 12061

Greene County — 35 Rt. 81, Hope Plaza, West Coxsackie, NY 12192

Guilderland — 250 Winding Brook Drive, Guilderland, NY 12084

Schenectady — 433 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12305

Southern Saratoga — 1 Wall Street, Clifton Park, NY 12065

Troy — 2500 21st Street, Troy, NY 12180

Contact: Erin M. Breslin, Capital District YMCA 518.869.3500

[EBreslin@CDYMCA.org](mailto:EBreslin@CDYMCA.org). Online registration can be found at: [www.CDYMCA.org/EmergencyChildcare](http://www.CDYMCA.org/EmergencyChildcare). You're also welcome to call the Capital District YMCA at 518.869.3500. Please join the Capital District YMCA by demonstrating how we come together and serve those who need us the most. Visit [www.CDYMCA.org](http://www.CDYMCA.org) today.

## Supporting Small Businesses





New York State needs to move forward with a smart, strong stimulus package to help our small businesses who are struggling during the Coronavirus crisis. Below (and also pictured above) are some good policy proposals I'm advocating for to help small businesses that are the backbone of our economy.

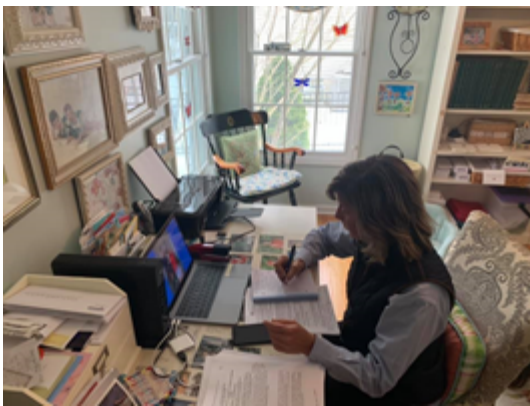
- Extend by 90 days the payment of monthly sales tax;
- Make available no-interest loans immediately to entities that face a dramatic decrease in business;
- Eliminate penalties for late payments of business and property taxes;
- Extend the cure period for various violations facing businesses during the crisis;
- Expand STAR for small businesses and accelerate tax cuts for small businesses;
- Have ESD create a hotline to connect businesses to capital and interim assistance;
- Call upon private industry to redirect existing resources to develop necessary products to fight the virus (masks, gloves, gowns, ventilators, etc.); and
- Reimburse for additional costs associated with expansion of paid sick/family leave.

## **Saratoga Prosperity Partnership and Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce Seeking Input from Small Businesses**



The Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership and the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce launched a survey seeking input from Saratoga County small businesses regarding their needs and challenges during this COVID-19 crisis. Go to the [www.saratogapartnership.org](http://www.saratogapartnership.org) (look for “Resources for Businesses”) to take the survey and have your voice heard. We are in this — and we will get through this — TOGETHER!

### **Joining Congresswoman Stefanik and Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership for a Special Conference Call on COVID-19**



I’m pictured above taking part in a conference call earlier this week with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership, the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce, the Saratoga County Economic Development Corporation, Steve Bulger, Regional Administrator of the SBA, and my Saratoga and Washington County colleagues in the state legislature. Our call focused on helping our small businesses and families who are hurting from the Coronavirus crisis. The Saratoga Partnership also shared results from the Saratoga County

Chamber of Commerce's recent survey of its members that had some very concerning findings:

- 59% of small businesses reported that they are at risk of closure;
- 41% of small businesses said they already had to lay off workers; and
- A majority of small businesses said they are in desperate need of working capital in order to keep their doors open.

Clearly, the economic impacts of COVID-19 are serious and significant. In fact, it was shared that hundreds of thousands of small businesses are applying for Economic Disaster Loans through the SBA. Here in New York State, unemployment claims have exploded from a previous of 2,000 and fewer calls per day to 22,000 calls per day – and that was just last week. Without question, people are hurting and need help.

Congresswoman Stefanik provided us a comprehensive update on the emerging federal stimulus package that will help families, hospitals, state governments, small businesses, and workers. Some expected important highlights are expected to include:

- \$130 billion for hospitals;
- \$150 billion for state governments;
- \$350 billion for the SBA which includes funding for forgivable loans for small businesses;
- 4 months of unemployment insurance for workers; and
- Support for families in the form of federal rebate checks of \$1,200 per person, \$2,400 per couple with \$500 per child. There is a sliding scale in terms of income eligibility thresholds of \$75,000 per person and \$150,000 per couple.

SBA Administrator Bulger shared the importance of impacted small businesses seeking Economic Disaster Loans via the SBA in preparing necessary paperwork to get a head start.

The SBA is surging its IT capacity to handle the massive volume of local applications. SBA staff is also available to assist applicants via their hotline at

1-800-659-2955. It is expected that the SBA Economic Disaster Loans will also be available for independent contractors, sole proprietors, and non-profits as part of the forthcoming federal relief package.

My thanks to Congresswoman Stefanik, the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership, the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce, Saratoga County Economic Development Corporation, and SBA Regional Administrator Bulger for sharing this important and helpful information.

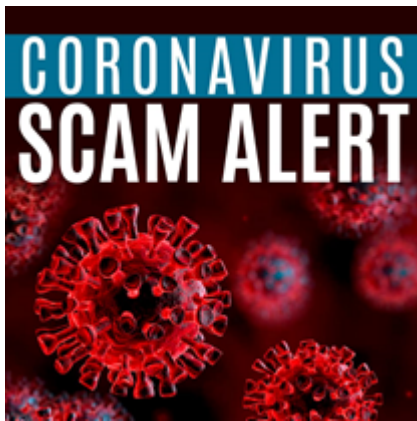
### **COVID-19 Update: If You're Struggling to Cope, There is Help**



The COVID-19 pandemic has had a wide-ranging impact on everyday life throughout our state, and these are certainly challenging times for all New Yorkers. If you or a loved one is struggling with stress, anxiety or depression, while also trying to deal with self-isolation, caring for family members, or the various uncertainties we are all facing, it is important for you to know that you're not alone in those feelings. It is also important for you to know that help is available.

New York State has established a new hotline for those in need of emotional support and mental health assistance. This effort is part of a collaborative, volunteer effort being undertaken by over 6,000 trained mental health professionals. The toll-free hotline number, 1-844-863-9314, is available 24/7 for you or a loved one to get in touch with a trained professional who is volunteering their time and energy. So, if you or someone you know needs a friendly, trained voice in the days ahead, please remember to call 1-844-863-9314. By staying informed and working together, we can get through these challenging times.

### **Don't Fall Prey to COVID-19 Scams**



During a time of turmoil, New Yorkers and Americans band together. Unfortunately, there are still those who look to prey upon the fears and vulnerabilities of our citizens. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a fraud alert specific to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Scammers are offering fake COVID-19 tests to Medicare recipients in exchange for their personal information. From there, these scammers use this personal information as part of a broader identity theft scam. HHS warns that these scam artists are using social media, telemarketing calls and even door-to-door visits to lure vulnerable New Yorkers into their traps. This behavior is truly unconscionable, but there are some steps to try to avoid falling victim to this scheme.

- DO NOT TRUST ANY unexpected calls or visitors offering coronavirus tests or supplies;
- IGNORE ANY AND ALL offers or advertisements for coronavirus testing or treatments on social media;
- ONLY a physician or trusted health care provider should assess your condition and approve requests for COVID-19 testing;

- BE CAUTIOUS AND SKEPTICAL OF ALL unsolicited requests for your Medicare or Medicaid numbers;
- IF YOU SUSPECT FRAUD, complaints related to COVID-19 should be reported to the National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF) Hotline at 1-866-720-5721 or

e-mail at [disaster@leo.gov](mailto:disaster@leo.gov).

The NCDF is a national coordinating agency within the Department of Justice's Criminal Division dedicated to improving the detection, prevention, investigation, and prosecution of criminal conduct related to natural and man-made disasters and other emergencies, such as the



coronavirus. Hotline staff will obtain information regarding your complaint, which will then be reviewed by law enforcement officials. I know that these are challenging times. But by working together, staying well-informed, and maintaining vigilance, we will overcome the challenges we face.

### **Message from the Food Industry Alliance of New York About the Importance of Social Distancing**

We've all heard and read about the critical importance of social distancing to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. The following public service message (below) from the Food Industry Alliance of NY, Inc. on behalf of the grocer industry, which I was asked to share, reinforces the importance of social distancing in stores. I know that we all will continue doing everything we can to support and share these best practices. Be safe everybody!

### **Message from the Grocery Industry on the Importance and Obligation of Social Distancing in Stores**

The coronavirus has upended the lives of millions of state residents, and every food retailer in New York is taking the necessary precautions to keep its associates and customers safe in the wake of unprecedented social upheaval. At the same time, we are balancing an unimagined demand for food supplies driven by public fear, media coverage, and the closure of the entire food service sector.

As an industry, food retailers have been adjusting quickly to the new normal of intermittent out-of-stocks and sporadic customer surges. Despite enormous logistical challenges, our state's grocery community has worked around the clock to supply food to New York families while at the same time implementing new policies of social distancing and limiting customer density in stores.

We are taking essential steps in working to flatten the COVID-19 curve in each of the communities we serve. These steps start at our front doors and end as our customers are checking out. We have designed new ways to practice social distancing while still providing a safe, sanitary place to shop. Below is a sampling of the precautions New York's food retailers have put in place:

- Managers along with all store associates are being trained on social distancing techniques & general health best practices. These communications have become part of daily management routines. Stores are adhering to CDC recommended guidelines;
- Senior hours for customers 60+ every day. Many retailers are offering special hours for older customers or customers with weakened immune systems to help reduce crowds and help our most vulnerable customers practice social distancing while shopping;
- Online fulfillment: retailers have a substantial infrastructure in place for order and delivery of groceries. Retailers are increasing those capabilities across the state's entire supply chain, and this is helping reduce the number of customers coming into stores;
- Closed all in-store cafes and seating areas. These areas are closed in order to prevent customers from gathering and sitting closely to one another;
- Numerous stores are installing clear plastic guards at registers. Because the register area doesn't allow for the cashier and customer to maintain a distance of 6 feet apart per CDC guidelines, Plexiglas guards are being added for additional protection in one of the most vulnerable areas of the store;
- Whenever possible, we are opening only every other register lane to create further distancing between customers at checkout instead of opening lanes right next to each other;
- Many stores will have signage that reminds customers to stand at least 6 feet apart from others, plus other guidelines from the CDC. Those signs will be placed at registers, on front doors, and in many places throughout the store, including the deli and pharmacy;
- Many retailers will have tape on the floors at each register so customers understand the 6-foot distance they should keep from others. The length of a standard shopping cart creates natural spacing for "Social Distancing";

- Many stores will require customers who use reusable bags to bag their own groceries. Remind customers to wash reusable bags and totes after each use and to store bags and totes in a clean, cool and dry location; and
- Store associates are wiping down and disinfecting shopping cart handles as often as needed throughout the day.

As you know, our industry, as well as many others across the nation, is in the midst of turbulence, the likes of which we have never seen at any other time in history. Historically, in times of great national crisis—and even at the state level — one constant has prevailed: the elevation of sound, solid leadership and voice of reason. As we continue to strive to keep our doors open for our guests, the lines of communication from our public servant leadership to the public is critical. We are all in this together!

### **Update from the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce**

Todd Shimkus, President of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce, sent me an email outlining some of the latest updates of how the Chamber is working closely with its member businesses and our community during the COVID-19 crisis. There is so much GREAT information in Todd's email that I wanted to share it with you all. For more details, visit the Saratoga County Chamber's website at: <https://www.saratoga.org>. Thank you to the Chamber for continuing to advocate for Saratoga County job creators!

We will get through this, TOGETHER! We're pulling out all of the stops to ensure Saratoga County's future success.

Federal stimulus update via Congresswoman Elise Stefanik: With the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership taking the lead, the six Saratoga County based economic development related organizations just minutes ago had an opportunity to hold a virtual meeting with US Congresswoman Elise Stefanik. The focus of this meeting was to learn more about the Federal Stimulus package that is poised for passage within the next 48 hours.

The key take away from this call is that the Federal government will be supercharging the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) 7A Loan program in addition to the SBA's Disaster Recovery Loan program. The 7A program will be managed by local SBA lender banks. So, the advice to local businesses and nonprofits is to compile all of your financial documents as you would to secure any loan. You might also make contact with your commercial lender simply to ask them to share with you any information they get as they receive it. Please note that it will take a few days for the SBA to provide all required information to SBA lender banks about the 7A program AFTER it is signed into law. They DON'T have ANY information at this time.

The way the legislation is structured 7A loans will be eligible to "forgive" costs associated with payroll, utilities, mortgages, rents, and debt payments. There will be a cap on the amount that can be forgiven but that is not yet known. This means these 7A loans are more like grants and are designed to allow employers to retain employees.

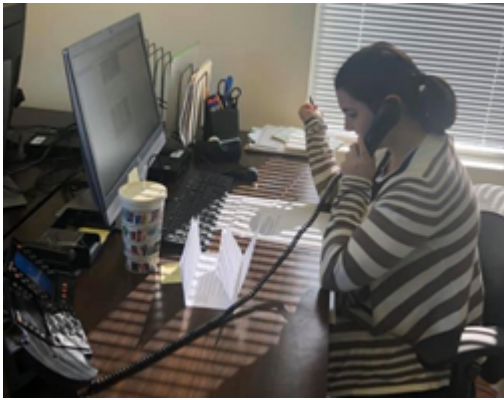
The 7A program will be for businesses and nonprofits with less than 500 employees and does cover self-employed or sole proprietors adversely impacted by COVID 19. The fees for the 7A program will be waived. If you own multiple businesses, you will have to apply for each business separately. The virtual meeting was recorded and we will share this link as soon as it is available. Stay tuned!

So you still want to network? We do too. Join us!

In this new world of social distancing, we don't want to forget the fact that a number of our members join the Chamber for the opportunity to network and connect with other members. So yesterday, we successfully hosted a virtual meeting of our Saratoga County Business Owners Council.

It was so uplifting. And so helpful to those who participated and shared their ideas, concerns, expertise and hope. Our plan is to start hosting more and more virtual networking events in the coming days, weeks, and months if we must. Please email Denise Romeo or Sara Thornton if you'd like to be invited! <https://www.saratoga.org/>

**Committed and Continuing to Serve YOU**



We may not be working in the same space, but my staff and I continue to serve the 43rd Senate District. Daniel Casale, Director of Constituent Services and Halie Northrop, District Office Community Liaison, are the District Office warriors each in separate offices every day. Joshua Fitzpatrick, Chief of Staff is working all hours from home as is Pat Cronin, Legislative Director. Debbie Curto, Community Liaison is also sealed in at home and gets done anything sent her way. Laurie Hurst Huneau, Office Manager has been working from home with a pop-in at the Albany Office



a couple of times per week to get the mail. Today, she popped in and had to take her own photo. A selfie was not good enough, so she propped her phone/camera on the lamp with some help and set the timer. That's ingenuity! We also have a sense of humor while we work because laughter is good for the soul. Ingenuity, hard work, perseverance, love of people, love to help, laughter. We're there (everywhere) for you! You can contact my office at: 518-371-2751 and [jordan@nysenate.com](mailto:jordan@nysenate.com).

### **Message from the Columbia County Chamber**

As my office continues working to provide helpful information as we work together to mitigate Coronavirus impacts, I want to share the following message from the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's message includes an important request regarding much-needed items for two nursing homes serving Columbia County residents. For more details, visit the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce at [www.columbiachamber-ny.com](http://www.columbiachamber-ny.com). Thank you to the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce for sharing this vital information!

Dear Chamber Members:

We are in this together. We remain Columbia County Strong and your Chamber continues to be here to support local businesses. We have an important request from two of our Member Nursing Homes: Ghent Rehabilitation and Nursing Center (formerly Whittier) - 518-828-0800 - Ask for Administrator - Frank Yeboah and Pine Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, (518) 672-7408 - Liz Groat.

They are in desperate need of the following items:

- Surgical gloves
- Masks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Gowns

If you are a business that typically utilizes the above supplies (Beauty Salons, Nail Salons, Painters/Contractors, etc.) and can spare some, please consider sharing with these vital businesses. Contact them directly, contact information above.

Thank you, Jeff, Amy, Carol, Tara and Carol. Please send news items to Amy Kneller at [akneller@columbiachamber-ny.com](mailto:akneller@columbiachamber-ny.com).

## **Informational Resources and Guidance from Empire State Development (ESD) in Response to COVID-19**

### **To Our Capital Region Partners:**

Thank you for your continued help and support. During this rapidly changing extraordinary time, the measures New York State has taken to prioritize the health and safety of its citizens have been unprecedented and have dramatically affected our lives and our business community. Like the spread of COVID-19, our response has been rapid and priority-driven, and continues to change as we combat its spread. Individuals and agencies have been overwhelmed by the volume of requests by businesses for clarification of Essential designation as well as offers to help.

Empire State Development's web site ([www.ESD.NY.GOV](http://www.ESD.NY.GOV)) serves as the clearinghouse for information and the primary intake for questions and offers to assist. As information and priorities change, so too will the website. To that end, please continue to refer effected businesses to the website below for further information. Establishing a record of contact through the ESD web site is our most effective tool for the delivery of information and mobilization.

### **Request by Businesses for Designation as Essential:**

Guidelines on Essential Businesses have been posted on [www.esd.ny.gov](http://www.esd.ny.gov) and provide clarification of the types of businesses and operations that have been deemed Essential in the "ESD Guidance on Essential Businesses" section of the web site. Requests by businesses to be designated as an essential function should ONLY be made if the business is NOT covered by the guidance.

### **Offers for Help:**

New York State needs help sourcing COVID-19 products. Visit [www.esd.ny.gov](http://www.esd.ny.gov) and click on “Help NYS Get COVID-19 Medical Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment.”

Business Resources:

Visit [www.esd.ny.gov](http://www.esd.ny.gov) and click on “COVID-19 Business Resources”

Employee Issues/Complaints:

Visit [www.esd.ny.gov](http://www.esd.ny.gov) and click on “Employee issues relating to essential business designations”

We appreciate your help and support as we all do our part to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Michael Yevoli

Regional Director, Capital Region

Empire State Development

**Halfmoon Restaurant/Grocery Guide**



## Halfmoon Restaurant/Grocery Guide

While restaurants are not permitted to open their dining areas, the following participating establishments in Halfmoon are open for carryout, curbside pickup and/or delivery. Please #ThinkAndBuyLocal and support our neighbors here in town with your purchases!

### Restaurants / Butcher Shops/Bakeries - Carry Out (and delivery if available)

<b>The Cookie Factory</b> (518) 280-7644 1705 Route 9 <i>Curbside pickup available</i>	<b>McDonald's (near Exit 8)</b> (518) 383-2543 1517 Crescent -Vischer Ferry Rd <i>McDelivery available</i> <i>Drive Thru</i>	<b>Rollin Smoke Handcrafted BBQ</b> (518) 903-9906 222 Guideboard Rd <i>Curbside pickup available</i>
<b>Cracker Barrel</b> (518) 373-8156 4 Tower Way <i>Curbside pickup available</i> <i>CrackerBarrelToGo.com</i> <i>Delivery available</i>	<b>McDonald's (on Route 9)</b> (518) 373-9792 1487 Route 9 <i>McDelivery available</i> <i>Drive Thru</i>	<b>Stewart's Shops</b> <a href="http://www.stewartsshops.com">www.stewartsshops.com</a> 1403 Route 9 214 Guideboard Rd 454 Route 146 2 Vosburgh Rd 1859 Route 9
<b>Domino's Pizza</b> (518) 383-8888 1683 Route 9 <i>Curbside pickup available</i> <i>Contactless delivery available</i>	<b>Mr. Subb</b> (518) 383-2422 222 Guideboard Rd <i>Curbside pickup available</i> <i>Delivery available</i>	<b>Snyder's Restaurant</b> (518) 371-6100 610 Old Route 146
<b>Fred the Butcher</b> (518) 371-5333 1473 Route 9 <i>Credit cards only</i> <i>Paper bags required – fees waived</i>	<b>Oh Corn! Arepas and More</b> (518) 579-0858 1505 Route 9 <i>Delivery available</i>	<b>Sorrentino's Delicatessen &amp; Market</b> (518) 371-3479 241 Grooms Rd
<b>Grecian Gardens</b> (518) 373-9950 1612 Route 9 <i>Curbside pickup available</i> <i>Delivery available</i>	<b>Power's Pub</b> (518) 406-5561 130 Meyer Rd <i>Curbside pickup available</i> <i>Delivery available</i> <i>Beer and wine</i>	<b>Ted's Fish Fry</b> (518) 373-8300 1663 Route 9

### Liquor Stores

<b>Exit 9 Wine &amp; Liquor Warehouse</b> (518) 688-0153 9 Halfmoon Crossing Blvd <i>Curbside pickup available</i> <i>via <a href="http://www.exit9wineandliquor.com">www.exit9wineandliquor.com</a></i>	<b>Halfmoon Wine &amp; Liquor</b> (518) 557-2877 Crescent Commons 1471 Route 9 <a href="http://www.halfmoonwine.com">www.halfmoonwine.com</a>
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*Please call the restaurants for more detail and information. Services are subject to change during this time. Hours of operation and menus may vary. Please note that you can also check Delivery Apps such as GrubHub, DoorDash, Uber Eats, etc. to see what other participating restaurants in the area will deliver.*

My good friend Pete Bardunias with the Capital Region Chamber sent me a detailed listing (pictured above) of the Chamber's member restaurants currently offering takeout/curbside pickup/delivery in the Town of Halfmoon, New York, plus two liquor stores as well. My thanks to Pete and the Chamber for this information!

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