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Dear Friend:

Welcome to the latest edition of my Weekly Wrap for the week ending Friday, April 17. As New York State now remains on PAUSE until May 15 via the Governor's Executive Order that was issued yesterday, the focus of my Weekly Wraps continues to be keeping you informed, safe, and healthy during the COVID-19 outbreak. This edition contains links to my monthly column, a special thank you for our public safety dispatchers, recognition of our local hometown business heroes, and more informational resources to help ensure your health, wellness, and safety.

Whether it's a request for help navigating the State's unemployment claims backlog, obtaining more information on programs to help small businesses, or obtaining a nutritious meal and wellness check, my Senate staff and I can assist you with requests for assistance. Please call my district office at (518) 371-2751 or email me at jordan@nysenate.gov. Remain safe everyone!

– **Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District**

Latest state actions regarding COVID-19

The following are some of the very latest actions and announcements from New York State as we continue responding to the Coronavirus pandemic. You can also view all of these and more news and announcements at the following website:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>.

- Schools and nonessential businesses will stay closed through May 15th.

- Governor Cuomo issued an executive order requiring all people in New York when in public and unable to properly keep social distance to wear masks or face coverings including when taking public or private transportation or riding in for-hire vehicles.

- An executive order directs employers to provide essential workers with masks free of charge to wear when interacting with the public.

- NYS will conduct antibody tests prioritizing frontline workers beginning this week.

- A blueprint to un-PAUSE New York will be implemented in coordination with other regional states to get people back to work and ease social isolation without triggering the renewed spread of the virus.

- Governor Cuomo and several northeast state Governors announced the creation of a multi-state council to restore the economy.

- New COVID-19 testing facilities are opening downstate, primarily in minority communities.

- New Yorkers who have recovered from COVID-19 are encouraged to donate blood. Here's how to donate: <https://nybc.org/donate-blood/convalescent-plasma-covid-19-donor-request-form/>.

- New Yorkers without health insurance can apply through NY State of Health through May 15, 2020; must apply within 60 days of losing coverage.

- New Yorkers can call the COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline at 1-844-863-9314 for mental health counseling.

- Testing is free for all eligible New Yorkers as ordered by a health care provider.

- Your local health department is your community contact for COVID-19 concerns. Visit this link for more details: <https://www.nyscho.org/directory/>.

My Monthly column in the Saratogian and The Record: “New York Strong”

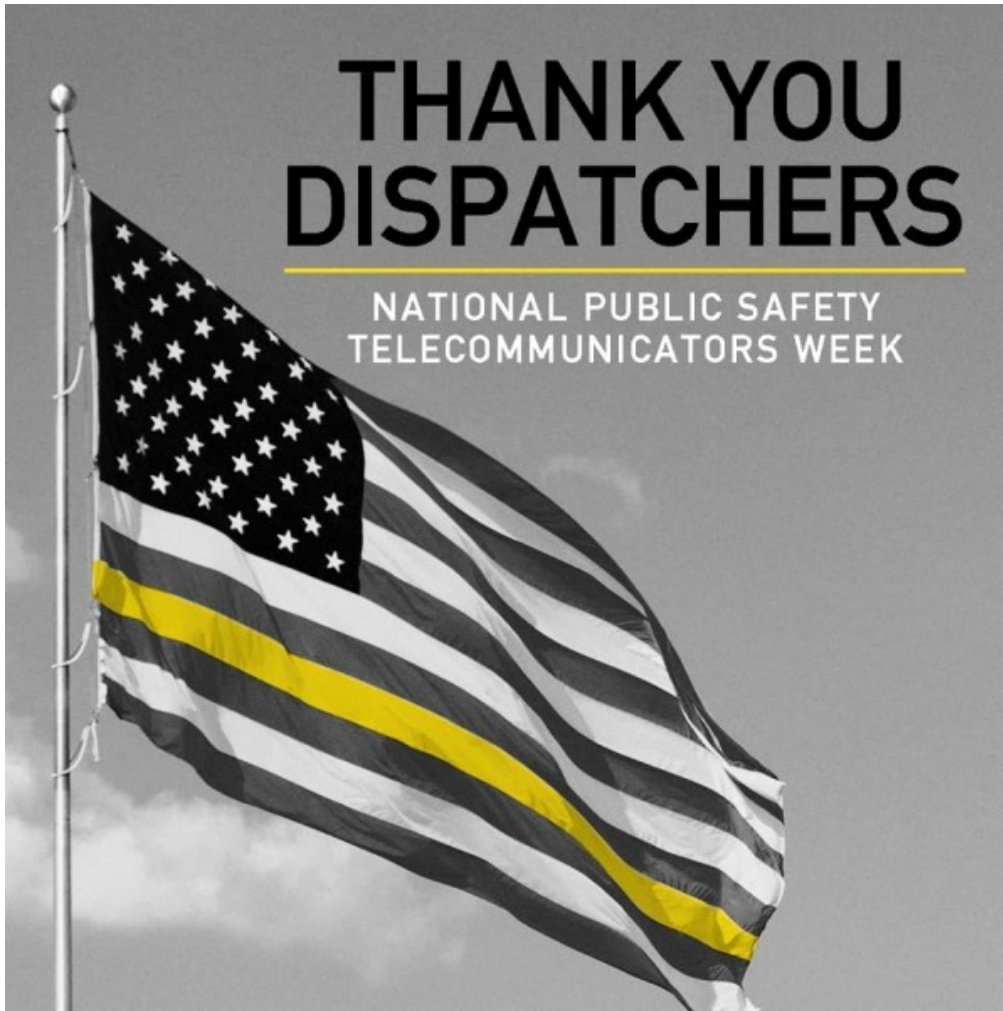


My monthly column that ran last Sunday in the Saratogian and The Record focused on the Coronavirus and resources available to help citizens, small businesses, and communities recover. We are New York strong and we will get through this!

To read my column in the Saratogian, click here: https://www.saratogian.com/news/local-news/readers-view-new-york-strong/article_5a881810-bdf7-521d-bcdd-cb5e63dc498a.html?fbclid=IwAR17MxgGgawFvtV3iNLSoeW8IRm1GRdujpdiltsQULyswCK3JApk_rm2P1I

To read my column in The Record, click here: https://www.troyrecord.com/news/local-news/readers-view-new-york-strong/article_2dd3e140-7b61-11ea-889f-4fd5b10ab8c3.html?fbclid=IwAR01NzAJ8yojds7hpYEO0h_2NPV_E257A0aRAAPw4BOtArpA9OcpEcj4eJ8

Recognizing our Fantastic Public Safety Telecommunications Workers




This week was officially recognized as “National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.” During times of real crisis, such as the one presented by COVID-19, we rely on the speed, focus, and professionalism of our 911 operators and responders who deserve our deepest gratitude. There's no time better than the present to brush up on emergency call tips and protocol. To learn more visit: <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-public-safety-tel.../>. Thank you to all our 911 operators and first responders for your skill, dedication and selfless service!

Governor Mandates Facial Coverings Where Social Distancing is Impossible

Governor Cuomo issued an executive order this week mandating New Yorkers wear masks or cloth facial covering for the nose and mouth when people are out in public and unable to maintain social distancing practices. The executive order is seen as a move to mitigate further spread of the deadly coronavirus and a step towards reopening of the economy. If you don't have a mask, you can make one as described here in the following [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov.../preven.../diy-cloth-face-coverings.html...) site: <https://www.cdc.gov.../preven.../diy-cloth-face-coverings.html...>

Home Delivered Meals and Wellness Checks from Rensselaer County



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Home Delivered Meals

Steven F. McLaughlin
County Executive

Are you 60 years and older?
Are you homebound due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19?
Are you interested in a hot meal and a wellness check?

Home Delivered Meals are prepared daily onsite at one our five (5) local senior centers in Rensselaer County. The Home Delivered Meal will meet at least One-Third (1/3) of the recommended dietary allowances (RDA) for an adult age 60 years and older.

Each meal will include:
3 ozs edible portion meat, fish, poultry or alternative
2 1/2 cups servings of vegetables
1 serving whole grain or enriched bread
1 teaspoon butter or margarine
1/2 cup dessert
1/2 pint milk, 2% or fortified skim

We are currently delivering home delivered meals on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

For more information please call the Aging Department at 518-270-2730 or Aging NY Connects at 518-270-2767.

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There is a terrific public service that provides nutritious, home-delivered meals and a wellness check for homebound individuals (age 60+) due to the Coronavirus. This service is offered by Rensselaer County Health & Human Services, Office for the Aging, and Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin.

This is a wonderful, much-needed program that I encourage qualifying individuals to utilize during this difficult time. Thank you to Rensselaer County for your concern and compassion for residents!

Proudly Recognizing our Hometown Business Heroes Helping in the Fight Against the Coronavirus



I'm so incredibly PROUD of our hometown hero businesses from across the 43rd Senate District who've stepped up to lead in the fight against the Coronavirus. I want to recognize three outstanding local businesses in particular – Regeneron, Ames Goldsmith Corp, and Fred's Tents and Canopies Inc. – who are working hard, every day, taking an active role in helping and supporting our communities, state, and nation in this critical effort.

Regeneron is a Rensselaer-based leading science and technology company delivering life-transforming medicines for serious diseases. Regeneron's medicines and pipeline are designed to help patients with eye diseases, allergic and inflammatory diseases, cancer, cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, pain, infectious and rare diseases.

Regeneron's Industrial Operations and Product Supply (IOPS) team is assisting New York State by making and donating viral transport media (VTM), a critical component of COVID-19 testing kits that have been in short supply.

VTM is a liquid used to preserve patient test samples (a swab from the nose or throat) until they can be tested.

Regeneron worked to obtain the necessary components, determined formulas, and proportions to meet NYS specifications, and leveraged the specialized skill set of its

employees to make sterile VTM and place it into test tubes. Regeneron is delivering over 500,000 total VTM kits to New York State and is donating 100 percent of its supplies and labor for this effort, an approximately \$1 million in-kind contribution. In Rensselaer, Regeneron supports the Capital Region Community Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund, which provides flexible resources for nonprofits working with those who are disproportionately impacted.

Ames Goldsmith is a South Glens Falls manufacturer of silver and copper products with its plant in continuous operation as a silver refiner and fabricator for nearly 150 years. Today, with an annual silver consumption well over of 85 million troy ounces, Ames Goldsmith is one of the largest integrated silver fabricators in the world and its expertise in customizing its standard materials evolved into developing new materials to meet the needs of the continually advancing precious metals products markets including automotive, aerospace, medical, electrical, renewable energy, and electronics.

Regarding COVID-19, Ames Goldsmith has temporarily converted its facility to produce much needed alcohol-based hand sanitizer to keep healthcare workers and others safe from the Coronavirus. The hand sanitizer produced at Ames Goldsmith is being donated to Glens Falls Hospital, the Open Door Mission, and other area non-profits. Ames Goldsmith's ingenuity and repurposing of its facility will directly help our courageous frontline healthcare workers.

Fred's Tents & Canopies opened its doors over 30 years ago and has since become a staple in the tent industry. Over the years, the growth of Fred's Tents and Canopies has enabled them to move from the garage where they started to a larger facility in Stillwater in 1990, to their current 87,000 square foot location in Halfmoon. Fred's Tents & Canopies found their success thanks to the ingenuity of their owners Fred and Linda Tracy.

Fred's Tents & Canopies is now bringing its expertise, work ethic, and innovation to the Coronavirus fight, making thousands of specialty tents that are providing desperately needed relief to hospitals, testing sites, and other medically related needs. Fred's Tents & Canopies is also helping local businesses by lending its expertise in finding other ways to continue serving their communities at a safe distance, via small tents for restaurant take-out areas to a large tent for a mobile food court complete with internal divider walls suitable for social distancing requirements. Fred's Tents & Canopies is part of the solution, providing an essential product at a critical time.

THANK YOU to Regeneron, Ames Goldsmith, and Fred's Tents & Canopies for all you're doing in the fight against the Coronavirus. We are proud to have you as part of the 43rd Senate District!

Hope for Healthcare Workers



I'm sharing the following information and message from Brian Frederick, Founder of Hope For Healthcare Workers. Please read below and share this positive message and website. Thank you!

I started a website, www.hopeforhealthcareworkers.com, that collects messages and artwork from the community to share with healthcare workers. The idea is to provide some support and encouragement for those on the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic while offering people the chance to do something tangible to help with the pandemic (from the comfort of their home). I am distributing these messages through social media and directly to local hospitals. would be thrilled if you could help promote this initiative by sharing the website www.hopeforhealthcareworkers.com. We're also on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Stay Safe,
Brian Frederick, Founder of Hope for Healthcare Workers
<https://www.hopeforhealthcareworkers.com/>

Hospitals and healthcare workers are on the front lines of the fight against COVID-19 (the novel coronavirus). They are running out of personal protective equipment (PPE) that keeps healthcare providers and their patients safe from spreading the virus. Despite the danger this poses to hospital staff — and their families and loved ones — these dedicated professionals go to work every day to help those who may be having the worst day of their lives. They are exhausted, working extra shifts when their coworkers become sick, and wondering if they will be next to fall ill.

Yet, they continue to give all they can out of a deep desire to help others. You can help. Send a message of encouragement today or show your support by sharing your artwork. We will ensure it gets to those who need to hear it.

As the pandemic progresses, we will need healthcare workers more than ever.

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