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Dear Business Owners:

The strict community mitigation measures that have been in place in Chautauqua County, and across this state and nation, have succeeded in slowing the spread of COVID-19. We are now looking forward to adjusting those measures in a controlled manner that safely supports the reopening of Chautauqua County and the restart of our local economy. To that end, I am working with my COVID-19 Response Team to develop local strategies based on local data and indicators. While the ultimate decision on reopening and the issuance of corresponding State regulations rests with Governor Cuomo, we feel it best to assess our own community readiness and plan for the step by step easing of community mitigation measures while protecting our most vulnerable residents.

Our County Health Department will continue to lead COVID-19 surveillance and response work through robust isolation and quarantine measures, contact tracing of cases, and health education. In the event that monitoring shows increased transmission of COVID-19 or a strain on our public health or health system at any step of loosening community mitigation measures, Christine Schuyler, Public Health Director, will advise of the need to tighten mitigation measures as appropriate.

As part of assessing our community's readiness, I am asking that business owners and operators in Chautauqua County draft a plan for the reopening of their businesses based on the guidelines that we currently have from the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>), OSHA (<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>) and state and local authorities. These plans will help to ensure the health and safety of not only you and your employees, but also any customers they may come in contact with during your normal business. Such things as social distancing including working from home and maintaining 6 feet of distance between persons as much as possible; the use of face coverings or other protective equipment as appropriate for the industry, and cleaning and disinfecting of commonly touched surfaces need to be taken into consideration.

The County Health Department will assist any business that it permits, including Food Service Establishments, campgrounds, hotels/motels, tattoo and tanning facilities, mobile food operations, children's camps, and beaches, through this process as appropriate and according to the latest guidance from the New York State Department of Health.

We fully realize that your plans may change based on directives from the Governor's Office but taking this proactive approach demonstrates the leadership and commitment of the Chautauqua County business community to keeping Chautauqua County strong.

Please submit your plans electronically to Senator George Borrello, [borrello@nysenate.gov](mailto:borrello@nysenate.gov) , Assemblyman Andrew Goodell, [goodella@nyassembly.gov](mailto:goodella@nyassembly.gov) , and [CCHEALTH@co.chautauqua.ny.us](mailto:CCHEALTH@co.chautauqua.ny.us) , fax to 716-753-4640 or mail to Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health; HRC Building, 7 N. Erie Street; Mayville, NY 14757.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 716-753-4211. Thank you for your help as we keep our residents safe and begin to open and grow our economy here in Chautauqua County.

Sincerely,



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Chautauqua County Executive  
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