



County of Cayuga

Office of the Chairman
Aileen McNabb-Coleman

For Immediate Release: Saturday, March, 14, 2020

On Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm, the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature, Aileen McNabb-Coleman has declared a State of Emergency in connection with the 2019 Novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Further, the McNabb-Coleman has ordered that all classes and extra-curricular activities in Cayuga County schools are canceled pending further order. It is anticipated classes will be cancelled through April 13, 2020. As a result of Executive Order 202.1, issued March 12 by Governor Andrew Cuomo, local school districts are relieved from the 180-day requirements due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The declaration can be updated at any time, but will remain in effect for the next thirty days.

The Cayuga County State of Emergency was declared after consultation by the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature, the County Attorney, the Public Health Director, the County Emergency Management Director, City of Auburn officials and local school superintendents.

Although Cayuga County has no positive cases of COVID-19 at the time of this press release, county officials are taking these measures as a precaution. We understand that life is going to be different for everyone during this time.

“This declaration follows suit with what many counties in New York and states across the nation are doing – especially in terms of social-distancing. We urge Cayuga County residents to rely on information provided by public health officials. As a community, we will continue to respond in a calm, unified manner,” stated McNabb-Coleman.

“Continuing our collective efforts of social distancing, school dismissal is an effective public health measure to prevent and slow the transmission of COVID-19 to help protect the most vulnerable members of our community,” stated Kathleen Cuddy, Public Health Director.

School districts officials will be communicating with their school families through phone calls, website and emails.

Updates on COVID-19 can be found on the Cayuga County Health Department website: www.cayugacounty.us/health

Aileen M. McNabb-Coleman
Chair, Cayuga County Legislature



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EMERGENCY ORDER

I, Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Chair of the County Legislature, the Chief Executive of Cayuga County, in accordance with a declaration of a Cayuga County State of Emergency issued on Saturday, March 14, 2020 and pursuant to § 24 of Article 2-B of the New York State Executive Law, do hereby issue the following Emergency Order:

Effectively immediately, all on-premise educational and on-premise extra-curricular activities in schools located within Cayuga County are suspended and shall not resume until further notice; this Order shall not prohibit administrative, staffing, nutritional, transportation, or other related functions as may be determined necessary by the local superintendent

and said Order shall remain in effect until removed by order of the Chief Executive.

This order may also be renewed in (5) five day increments. Failure to obey this order is a criminal offense, punishable by law under New York State Executive Law Section 24(5).

Signed this the 14th day of March 2020 at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, in Auburn, Cayuga County, New York.

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March 14, 2020

Aileen McNabb-Coleman
Chair, Cayuga County Legislature

Witnessed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Benjamin Vitale".

March 14, 2020

Benjamin Vitale
Vice-Chair, Cayuga County Legislature



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STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, the Governor of the State of New York has declared State of Emergency for all of New York State; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that Cayuga County addresses the threat that COVID-19 poses to the health and welfare of the residents and visitors of the County

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Chair of the County Legislature, by virtue of the authority vested in me under § 24 of Article 2-B of the New York State Executive Law, hereby find that to preserve the public safety and render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of this county, do hereby declare a State of Emergency for all of Cayuga County; and

This State of Emergency will remain in effect until rescinded by a subsequent order, or after thirty (30) days, whichever is sooner.

Dated: March 14, 2020, 7:00 pm

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aileen McNabb-Coleman".

Aileen McNabb-Coleman
Chair, Cayuga County Legislature