



County of Cayuga

Office of the Chair
Hon. Aileen McNabb-Coleman

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Agreement reached between Cayuga County and CSEA Bargaining Unit

An agreement has been reached between Cayuga County and the CSEA Bargaining Unit regarding the furlough process for its members as a cost savings response to initial reports of the economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis. The furlough for CSEA members is effective May 11 through July 31, 2020.

As we continue to monitor the financial impact of COVID-19 on Cayuga County as a whole, furloughs enable the County to realize temporary cost savings now to help close the anticipated budget gap. While the County is at state-mandated workforce reduction, we recognize the federal resources available as outlined in the Federal Cares Act, specifically the additional \$600 per week of enhanced employment compensation. Employees temporarily furloughed have the potential to have a greater financial gain on unemployment through July 31, 2020 than they would if they remained on the County payroll. The County will continue to contribute the County's portion of the health insurance for those furloughed employees that are currently covered by the County's healthcare policy.

"We appreciate our employees immeasurably and understand these are challenging times of uncertainty," said **Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature**.
