

TOWN OF BERGEN

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TOWN OF BERGEN- COVID- 19 Update

TOWN NEWS

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, and in the interest of public safety the Town of Bergen offices and Library remain closed to the public until further notice. The town clerk remains available by phone at 494-1121 x21. The town crews are working while maintaining compliance with social distancing. I remain in constant communication with the fire department village, school, county and state officials to coordinate efforts and coordinate regional response. Conference calls with the Mayor of the Village of Bergen and the Fire Department President and Chief routinely occur to update and plan for the needs of the citizens of Bergen. I also participate in regular phone calls with the Genesee County Office of Emergency Management and I receive almost daily updates on the county's plan.

The Mayor of the Village of Bergen is working in collaboration with the Town and local faith based communities to provide meals for those in need. If you are aware of someone who is in need of assistance with meals, picking up medications or food supplies you can contact the Village office at 494-1513 or e-mail at vob@villageofbergen.com

The State of Emergency that I declared upon behalf of the Town on 3/19/20 remains in effect. This allows for the coordination and if necessary the deployment of resources to address the needs of the citizens of the Town of Bergen during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Business Assistance-

This institution is an equal opportunity provider, and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any UDSA office, or call (866)-632-9922 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 2050-9410 or by fax (202)690-7742 or e-mail program.intake@usda.gov.

From the Genesee County Economic Development Center

The Genesee County Economic Development Center stands ready to address the short-term and long-term economic needs of our business community during the COVID-19 health crisis. If your business is experiencing issues, they ask that you contact them. They are engaged with our local, regional and state leaders as response programs develop and evolve, and will be updating their website with new resources and information as it becomes available. This includes programs we are quickly mobilizing with their partners to support critical economic activity in Genesee County. They have advised us that more information on those programs will be shared in the coming days. The Genesee County Economic Development Council can be reached at 343-4866 or e-mail at gcedc@gcedc.com

Form the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce

Additional business assistance may be available through the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce and they can be reached at 344-4152.

For More Information on COVID-19 : visit the following federal government websites:

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(CDC\)](#)
- [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#)

Information from New York State

New York State on PAUSE

Governor Cuomo announced the "New York State on PAUSE" executive order, a 10-point policy to assure uniform safety for everyone.

The 10-point NYS on PAUSE plan is as follows:

1. Effective at 8PM on Sunday, March 22, all non-essential businesses statewide will be closed;
2. 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;
3. Any concentration of individuals outside their home must be limited to workers providing essential services and social distancing should be practiced;
4. When in public individuals must practice social distancing of at least six feet from others;
5. Businesses and entities that provide other essential services must implement rules that help facilitate social distancing of at least six feet;

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6. Individuals should limit outdoor recreational activities to non-contact and avoid activities where they come in close contact with other people;
7. 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;
8. 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;
9. Young people should also practice social distancing and avoid contact with vulnerable populations; and
10. Use precautionary sanitizer practices such as using isopropyl alcohol wipes

To reduce the spread of COVID-19 please

- 1- **Wash your hands** frequently, avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth and cover your cough or sneeze.
- 2- **Stay home** if you feel sick, and contact your health care professional
- 3- **Social Distance**- avoid close contact- maintain 6 feet of distance, refrain from shaking hands or giving hugs.

I also ask that you be a good neighbor and call those who might be confined to their home to assure they are okay.

Thank You

Ernie Haywood, Supervisor

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