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Press Release

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PAUSE New York, Face Masks, and COVID-19 Statistic Update

Governor Cuomo has extended PAUSE New York and all schools and nonessential businesses will stay closed through May 15. As part of Governor Cuomo's Executive Order requiring all New York residents to wear a mask or face covering when out in public and in settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain to aid in preventing the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, employers must supply face masks or protective coverings to essential workers who interact with clients or customers. The Executive Order requiring all people in New York to wear masks or face coverings in public goes into effect at 8:00 p.m. tonight.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators as those are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders. The CDC (Center for Disease Control) recommends that cloth face coverings can be homemade or purchased and should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face, be secured with ties or ear loops, include multiple layers of fabric, allow for breathing without restriction, and be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape. Items as simple as bandanas, scarves, and dish towels can also offer protection. Face coverings should not be placed on children under two, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance. A reminder that all individuals riding the Public Transit System must have a mask or mouth/nose cloth covering in order to board and ride the Access Allegany buses.

In the United States, the COVID-19 virus has infected 677,472 people, and there have been 34,814 deaths. In New York State, there have been 222,284 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and there have been 14,636 deaths statewide with 630 deaths in the last 24 hours. As of 2:00 p.m. on April 17, 2020, Allegany County's COVID-19 statistics are as follows:

Confirmed Cases: 31
COVID-19 Related Deaths: 1
Released from Quarantine/Isolation: 326
Recovered Cases: 24
Total Quarantined/Isolated to Date: 383
Currently Quarantined/Isolated: 57

If your life or someone else is in imminent danger, call 911. If you are in crisis and need immediate help, please contact the following resources:

COVID-19 Emotional Support Hotline: 844-863-9314
Allegany County Crisis Hotline: 888-448-3367
Allegany County Community Services: 585-593-1991 (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-TALK (8255)
NYS Text Line: Text "GOT5" to 741741
Veterans' Crisis Lifeline: 822-273-8255 (Press 1)

For additional COVID-19 questions and information:

Call: 585-268-9700 (Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Weekends: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
Call: 585-268-9250 (Health Department)
Email: healthinfo@alleganyco.com; Website: www.alleganyco.com
Facebook: Allegany County, NY, Government & Allegany County Department of Health

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