March 3, 2020 – Coronavirus Update in Allegany County

No Suspect Cases of Coronavirus in Allegany County

The novel Coronavirus or Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) situation continues to be monitored by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), and locally by the Allegany County Department of Health (ACDOH). As of March 3, 2020, New York State has 2 confirmed cases of Coronavirus Disease and Allegany County has no suspect cases. Therefore, the risk to Allegany County residents remains low. Per the CDC and NYSDOH guidance, the ACDOH will monitor travel-related activity of any individual(s) who may have traveled from mainland China, Iran, Italy, Japan, and South Korea, and who show no signs or symptoms of disease. Out of an abundance of caution, these individuals will be asked to self-monitor with ACDOH oversight and separate themselves from the public for 14 days.

The ACDOH has been working diligently with our various County partners, including our County OES Department, local healthcare associates, and local emergency management planners, to ensure the County is prepared and ready for any virus to protect the health of every County resident. The ACDOH reminds residents that the common cold and flu viruses are still prevalent, so frequent handwashing, social distancing whenever possible, using respiratory etiquette (being careful to cough and sneeze away from others, into your elbow, not your hands), and staying home when ill are appropriate measures for everyone to take.

The NYSDOH has developed a Coronavirus hotline (1-888-364-3065) where the public may reach out with questions or concerns about travel and symptoms. Of course, if any Allegany County resident has questions or concerns regarding Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) or travel related questions, please feel free to contact our office directly at 585-268-9250. To follow the most current information on Coronavirus, please visit either the CDC or NYSDOH webpages at:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html https://health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/