

TIOGA COUNTY
PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
AND
LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization on January 30, 2020, 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 H declared a public health emergency for the entire Country to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, Governor Andrew Cuomo, pursuant to Executive Order 202, declared a disaster emergency in the State of New York in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the travel related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented throughout New York State and, of particular concern Saratoga County, and more cases are expected throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, according to state officials it is only a matter of time when COVID-19 appears in Tioga County and poses an existential threat to the health, welfare and well-being of our residents; and

WHEREAS, as the threat of this virus is imminent to the citizens and visitors of Tioga County, it is necessary that Tioga County be proactive and fully prepared to deal with its effects.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to New York Executive Law Article 2-B and Section 24 thereof, and by reason of a disaster, catastrophe or similar public emergency within the territorial limits of **TIOGA COUNTY** which imperils public safety, health and welfare, namely the existence and spread of COVID-19 coronavirus, a **LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY** is hereby proclaimed and declared to exist in **TIOGA COUNTY** effective as of 1:00 P.M. on March 14, 2020. This state of emergency shall continue until revoked and the conditions herein below set forth shall continue unless sooner terminated by a declaration that the state of emergency no longer exists or the state of emergency is extended.

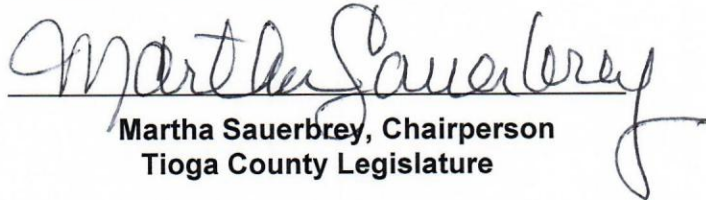
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that during the period of the state of emergency and in order to protect life and property and bring the emergency under control the following orders/conditions shall be in full force and effect:

1. All necessary agencies and departments shall take appropriate action to contain, prepare for, respond to and recover from this County emergency; to protect County and local property; to assist local government and individuals; and to provide such other assistance as it is necessary to protect public health, welfare, and safety without County Legislature approval provided authorization is granted by the County Chairman.
2. Any and all Tioga County local laws, rules, regulations or resolutions shall be temporarily suspended or modified, if compliance with such would prevent, hinder or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster emergency or, if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster.
3. Adherence to the Tioga County Procurement Policy and/or provisions of the General Municipal Law as they relate to purchasing and procurement is hereby suspended to the extent necessary to add additional work, sites and time to contracts, or to award emergency contracts, including but not limited to, emergency contracts for leases for relocation and support of County operations; emergency contracts for professional services; emergency contracts for commodities, services and technology; emergency contracts for purchases of commodities, services and technology through any federal programs or other state, regional, local, multi-jurisdictional, or cooperative contracts; required to ameliorate and remedy this emergency situation. In these instances competitive bidding, or proposals shall not be required and emergency purchases are authorized at the discretion of the County Chairperson or Director of Emergency Management.
4. Authorizing the Tioga County Chairperson or Director of Emergency Management to execute all emergency contracts for these necessary services as hereinabove delineated without the necessity of procurement.
5. Authorization of emergency contracts for food, supplies and equipment and manpower, and all other essential resources in addition to testing supplies and equipment, without following the standard notice and procurement

processes.

6. To any extent necessary and subject to the approval of Lisa McCafferty, Tioga County Health Director, to permit unlicensed individuals, upon completion of training deemed adequate by her, to collect throat or nasopharyngeal swab specimens from individuals suspected of being infected by COVID-19, for purposes of testing; and to the extent necessary to prevent non-nursing staff, upon completion of training deemed adequate by her, to perform tasks, under the supervision of a nurse, otherwise limited to the scope of practice of a licensed or registered nurse.
7. All County and Town resources, equipment, manpower, and personnel shall be coordinated and shared to help remedy this emergency.
8. Any and all emergency actions will be documented and justified.

This proclamation and order signed this 14th Day of March, 2020.


Martha Sauerbrey, Chairperson
Tioga County Legislature



LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER# 1
OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2 of 2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers vested in me as County Executive by Article III of the Tioga County Charter, and pursuant to the provisions contained in New York Executive Law § 24, which authorizes the Chief Executive to promulgate Local Emergency Orders upon a finding that the public safety is imperiled by the event of a public emergency or in the event of reasonable apprehension of the immediate danger thereof, to protect life and property and to bring an emergency under control;

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Tioga County Director of Public Health; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Chief Executive of Tioga County, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Closings

With regard to all public and private schools situated in the County of Tioga, it is the intent of this Order to dismiss **all** students, suspend all classroom and extracurricular functions. Schools may remain open to administrative, staff, and staff services.

This Order excludes all programs and schools approved or operated by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and/or the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), to the extent it provides education in a residential setting to school- age children.

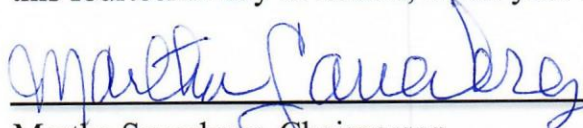
Section 2. Effective Date

This Local Emergency Order shall take effect on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.

Section 3. Duration of Local Emergency Order

The Local Emergency Order declared in Section 1 shall remain in effect until April 14th at 12:01 A.M. or otherwise modified or rescinded.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Seal of the County of Tioga in the Town of Owego this fourteenth day of March, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty.


Martha Sauerbrey, Chairperson