

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY IDA

A Message from Corey Wiktor, Executive Director of the Cattaraugus County IDA for the week of April 27, 2020:

It is looking more and more that we are on the downside of the curve related to coronavirus infections, especially in portions of upstate New York, including Cattaraugus County. Everyone is cautiously optimistic that effective May 15th the construction and manufacturing sectors of the economy will re-start.

Along these lines, Governor Cuomo unveiled [his plan](#) for the re-opening of the New York State economy which is based on a formula of hospitalization capacity and rate of infection among other criteria.

As noted previously, New York State Senator George Borello is working with Chautauqua County Assemblyman Andy Goodell on the restart plan for our region. They recently provided additional details of their plan that was reported in [The Observer](#).

Over the last few weeks, the Cattaraugus County IDA has been reaching out to our stakeholders regarding various resources to help businesses meet the significant challenges posed by this pandemic, including a sales tax initiative regarding the manufacturing of personal protection equipment (PPE). A new [analysis](#) from the Rockefeller Institute of Government examines the support offered by economic development organizations (EDOs) such to businesses navigating the economic uncertainty as a result of the coronavirus.

As you know there were some hiccups with the first round of funding from the Payroll Protection Program, but the second round of funding seems to be going much smoother. Still, many companies have questions about the program and how it works. Learn more here from [Fuzehub](#). Fuzehub also provides some guidance on how manufacturers can [manage their workforces during the pandemic](#).

In our efforts to provide you with as much information as possible regarding various resources to meet the challenges of this pandemic, please see information provided by the [US Chamber of Commerce](#) and our partners at [Greater Olean Chamber of Commerce](#).

Finally, The Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board (STW), the regional planning agency for Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties, is now accepting applications for [Area Development Grants](#). For additional information and to request a copy of the application, please contact call 716-945-5301 or by email to fpalmer@southerntierwest.org.

As always, please do not hesitate to personally reach out to me at corey@cattcoida.com or at 716-491-3988. You also can visit our website www.cattcoida.com for various information about loan programs and other resources that are available for the business community.

Stay positive, stay healthy and stay safe!

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