

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY IDA

A Message from Corey Wiktor, Executive Director of the Cattaraugus County IDA for the week of June 29, 2020:

The summer is in full swing as we prepare for the 4th of July holiday weekend. More and more people are outside and congregating so we need to be mindful and stay diligent in adhering to health and safety measures, including social distancing and wearing masks.

Along these lines, New York State entered into [Phase 4](#) of its re-opening plan on Tuesday, June 30th as the region continued to meet state mandated metrics, which include among others infection and hospitalization rates. Our success is due to your diligence in following these measures.

An important component for businesses opening in this phase includes filling out and having available a [Business Safety Plan](#). While the plan does not have to be submitted to the state or any government entity for approval, it must be made available upon request.

For other information regarding the Phase 4 opening and an Executive Order from the Governor regarding traveling to states with high COVID19 infection rates, please visit the [Cattaraugus County Economic Development website](#).

I had the opportunity to speak with a reporter for an interview that was broadcasted on [Spectrum News](#) regarding the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of the town and village of Ellicottville. Obviously, we would like to be celebrating like how only Ellicottville can celebrate – with thousands of people in the streets patronizing our retail establishments and beautiful countryside. As I commented in the story: “brighter days are ahead!”

Cattaraugus County is home to hundreds of mom and pop businesses, particularly machine shops, tool makers and additive manufacturing companies. [Fuzehub](#), a non-profit organization that serves as the statewide New York Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NYMEP) center, supported by Empire State Development’s Division of Science, Technology & Innovation, is conducting a free webinar on Thursday, August 6th from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. titled *Post-COVID19 Solutions Forum*.

Finally, I just want to remind those who might be interested that there are two weeks left to apply for the Grow-NY Food & Agriculture Business [Competition](#). There is \$3 million available for the competition so if you are an eligible business, please take a look and let us know how the CCIDA can be of assistance.

On behalf of the Cattaraugus County IDA, our volunteer board of directors and our economic development partners, I want to wish you a safe and festive 4th of July holiday weekend. Despite everything that is occurring, lets never forget that the United States is the greatest country on earth!

Remember to stay positive, stay healthy and stay safe!

Corey