

March 15, 2020

Good Evening OCM BOCES Staff,

As you wind down your weekend, I would like to share another development related to COVID-19 that will affect our students and staff at OCM BOCES. As I explained in yesterday's update, every BOCES in the state is required to follow the direction of each county executive and county health commissioner in the counties it serves. While there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Onondaga, Cortland or Madison counties at this time, we will continue to follow the guidance of our government leaders in each of these municipalities.

As you may already know, Cortland County Administrator Robert Corpora announced at 4:00 p.m. today that all students in Cortland County will be staying home as of Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Students are scheduled to return on Tuesday, April 14.

This affects OCM BOCES students and staff in the following programs:

- Students who attend our Cortlandville Campus, including those enrolled in our off-site New Vision and Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs in Cortland County
- Students who attend programs at our Port Watson Campus
- All OCM BOCES Special Education students who attend programs in school district classrooms and at the SUNY Cortland Campus

In addition, Madison County Chairman John Becker also announced a state of emergency today.

The announcements in Cortland and Madison Counties follow the news on Saturday that all students in Onondaga County will be staying out of school beginning Monday, March 23, 2020. Students are scheduled to return on Tuesday, April 14.

For OCM BOCES programs located in Onondaga County, here are the specific sites that will require students to stay home from March 23-April 13:

- Students who attend our Crown Road Campus and Thompson Road Campus. This includes students who are enrolled in the New Vision and Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs that are held off-site in Onondaga County
- Students from Onondaga County who attend our McEvoy building at the Cortlandville Campus
- Students who participate in programming at the Zogg building in Liverpool
- Students in our Special Education classrooms that are located in school districts in either Onondaga or Cortland counties

This week, our administrators will be working with instructional staff to prepare for the continuity of learning while these students are at home, as this is an expectation of the Commissioner of the State Education Department.

Thank you again for your dedication and commitment to our students, our staff, our districts and our organization during this challenging time for everyone. I will keep you up to date on future developments.

Sincerely,



Colleen Viggiano, Deputy Superintendent