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Now is Not the Time to Let our Guard Down, Says Livingston County Administrator amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Geneseo, NY, April 9, 2020 — As we continue to closely track the rise and fall of numbers associated with COVID-19, County Administrator Ian M. Coyle would like to send a message to the residents of Livingston County. He states, “We must not let our guard down as this public health emergency continues to evolve.”

“At this point, we should assume that the virus is present everywhere. It is imperative that each of us takes full responsibility for our actions, as they directly impact the health and safety of those in our households *and* in our communities,” Coyle continues. He reminds us that social distancing requirements and the ban on gatherings of any size are not just recommendations – they are rules. “These rules will be enforced, and New York State has increased the maximum fine to \$1,000 for certain violations.”

Coyle urges Livingston County residents to be extra vigilant over the next few weeks to slow the spread, flatten the curve, and prevent a massive surge in hospital bed utilization that could potentially overwhelm and cripple the region’s public health system.

“Our health care workers and first responders need your help,” says Coyle. “If you ignore the rules in place, you are impacting their work, safety, and welfare directly.”

How can you continue to do your part amid this COVID-19 crisis:

- Significantly curtail your outside-the-home activity.
- Limit travel to just the necessities – grocery and pharmacy trips, solo physical activity, and work.
- Consider the CDC guidance for cloth face coverings while out and about.
- Do not gather. Period.
- Practice social distancing.

- Wash your hands all the time.
- Wash your hands again.

If you have a fever, cough or trouble breathing, please call your health care provider for an assessment of your symptoms. If you feel as though you may have had exposure to COVID-19, please call LCDOH at 585-243-7270. Call 1-877-280-6775 if you would like general information on COVID-19 or to learn how to volunteer. Livingston County Mental Health has created a help line for community members who need someone to talk to during these stressful times. This is a free and confidential service. Please call 585-243-7251, Monday – Friday from 9:00AM – 5:00PM. For COVID-19 information, please visit Livingston County’s dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#) and join us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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