TO OUR WNY COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

As you know, on Friday, 3/20/2020, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the "New York State on PAUSE" executive order, a 10-point policy to assure uniform safety for everyone: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/new-york-state-pause, which has been extended through April 15 and will be reevaluated every two weeks for additional extensions.

We are all working (many of us remotely) during this evolving pandemic environment for the public and communities we serve. We will continue to share with you information and resources related to the economic impacts for businesses and workers, which are being updated regularly including:


- The Guidance for essential businesses from the Governor’s Executive Order: https://esd.ny.gov/guidance-executive-order-2026, and information for those NOT covered by the guidance in seeking a waiver.

- Information on the SBA’s COVID-19 Loan Programs, particularly resources on the SBA Paycheck Protection Program and SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program: https://esd.ny.gov/small-business-administration-sba-covid-19-loans

Additional resources from state agency and federal government partners:

- NYS Department of Labor Shared Work – can provide an alternative to laying off employees during business downturns by allowing workers to work a reduced work schedule and collect partial unemployment insurance benefits for up to 26 weeks: https://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/employerinfo/shared-work-program.shtm

- NEW Information on enhanced Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for New Yorkers under the recently-based CARES Act

- NEW microsite - https://nyhirenow.usnlx.com/ in response to changes in the labor market as a result of COVID-19. This site list jobs in demand now- many with an Urgent need!


- NYS Department of Labor information on reporting businesses not heeding Executive Order 202.6: https://labor.ny.gov/workerprotection/laborstandards/coronavirus-complaints.shtm

NYS Department of Health COVID-19 information: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home