



COVID-19 has significantly disrupted business patterns globally, due to its ability to spread rapidly. During this period of heightened public concern, it is essential that the OFC's message to the public is that we are **OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!!** Proper precautions can help people avoid the virus and OFC will be prepared to manage client interactions in a positive way and plan for agency continuity while the virus and public concern persist.

Opportunities for Chenango has undertaken a number of approaches to prevention and reporting of COVID-19. However, it is our belief that those most vulnerable to negative outcomes from the virus are those we serve every day – those without access to health care, without a primary provider, without access to adequate food, resources, or cleaning supplies, those already in poor health, the disabled and elderly. With the closing of the public schools, Opportunities for Chenango, Inc. was forced to follow suit by closing our Head Start and Early Head Start programs, which has reduced the staff by greater than 64%.

Beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Opportunities for Chenango's Main Office will be closed to the public. Offices will remain staffed to provide services via phone, e-mail and mail. This decision was not taken lightly, but we feel that in order to protect our staff, as well as the clients we serve; we need to do our part in following public health recommendations. We want to assure the community that we are here and continuing to provide services to not only those we serve, but the community as a whole. Please feel free to contact Opportunities for Chenango, Inc. in the following ways:

Phone: (607) 334-7114

Facebook: Opportunities for Chenango, Inc.

Website: www.ofcinc.org

For the most up to date information regarding COVID-19, please visit the following sites:

[How to Talk to Your Kids About Coronavirus](#)

[When to Keep Your Child Home from School](#)

[NYSED Guidance for Schools Regarding COVID-19](#)

[NYS Department of Health](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[Fact Sheet: What You Need to Know About COVID-19](#)