

Senator O'Mara maintaining 'One-Stop' webpage to help constituents access COVID-19 information, updates

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Elmira, N.Y., March 20—State Senator Tom O'Mara (R,C,I-Big Flats) today reminded area residents that he continues to maintain a "One-Stop" webpage on his Senate website, omara.nysenate.gov, compiling information and updates from state, federal, and local agencies and organizations on the COVID-19 public health crisis.

"This emergency calls for all hands on deck. Across local, state, and federal agencies and organizations, safety recommendations and response updates continue to be shared. Pay attention to them. To help facilitate this access, my office will maintain a "One-Stop" webpage to compile, in one place, a range of COVID-19 information," O'Mara said. "We can all stay together by staying informed and taking the recommended steps to aid the collective response that is needed to help protect our most vulnerable populations. The page doesn't include everything under the sun, because the speed and volume of information being thrown at all of us can be overwhelming. I understand that. We are simply trying to point to sources of straightforward and commonly held information, recommendations, resources, and updates."

O'Mara's webpage provides links to the New York State Department of Health, which has also established a toll-free Novel Coronavirus Hotline (1-888-364-3065), the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), county health departments and offices for the aging, hospitals, food banks, chambers of commerce and other agencies and organizations covering O'Mara's 58th Senate District.

O'Mara said, "Above all, let's remember that there are health care professionals, emergency services experts, first responders, business leaders, educators, librarians, service organizations, government officials at every level, and incredible, incredible volunteers — throughout the public and private sectors — working around the clock to combat and control this threat, and provide diligent public outreach. I can only commend their commitment and dedication. To do our own part as individuals, then, practice the seriousness and personal responsibility that this emergency demands. Thank you for your cooperation. Thank you for staying strong, smart, and safe — and we will get through this together."

O'Mara's "One-Stop" page can be located **HERE**.

State government offices, including O'Mara's, have been advised to have staffs, as broadly as possible, work remotely until further notice. O'Mara said that constituents should continue to contact his offices in Albany, Bath or Elmira, preferably by email (omara@nysenate.gov) because it allow constituents to provide more detail, more efficiently, or by phone, and a response will be returned. The phone numbers for O'Mara's offices follow: Albany (518-455-2091), Elmira (607-735-9671), and Bath (607-776-3201).

O'Mara said, "Throughout the challenging weeks ahead for all of us, my offices will continue to be available to constituents. Like everyone else, we will have to adjust and accommodate the ongoing public health and safety requirements and recommendations, and we will absolutely do our part. Nevertheless, we will be available, we will be monitoring the situation on the ground locally across the communities we represent, and no one should hesitate to reach out to us if they believe we can be helpful in any way."