



CHEMUNG COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Beginning May 10, 2021, David Manchester, Chairman of the Chemung County Legislature, has directed that all meetings of the Legislature shall be re-opened to in-person attendance by members of the public (20 public maximum). Everyone in attendance will be required to wear a mask at all times and adhere to the requirements of the Chemung County Legislature Re-opening Plan (see attached).

All meeting agendas will continue to be available online at chemungpublic.novusagenda.com. All meetings will be live-streamed and audio recordings and minutes of the meetings will be made available to the public on the Chemung County website.

Additionally, public comments for all scheduled meetings of the Full Legislature, and public hearings of the Chemung County Legislature, may continue to be submitted via email at the following address: PublicComment@chemungcountyny.gov. All comments received will be read into the record by the Clerk of the Legislature.

Chemung County Legislature

Plan for Public Meetings During COVID-19 State of Emergency

- Subject to modification as guidance and conditions change (current as of 8/24/2020)
- To remain in effect throughout duration of COVID-19 emergency affecting Chemung County, as declared by the Governor or County Executive
- Legislative Meetings will be conducted, open to the public, adhering to the following guidelines:
 - All meetings will be held in the Legislative Chamber area of the 5th Floor.
 - All Legislators, legislative staff, invitees, media and public attending meetings will wear masks at all times, unless the Chairperson of the meeting deems 6-foot physical distancing achieved while seated, and announces that masks are not needed.
 - Hand sanitization, disinfectant and masks will be available for public use.
 - Restrooms will be designated for public use and cleaned before and after the meeting.
 - Restrooms will have cleaning supplies and signs directing the public to clean surfaces after each use.
 - County officials will adhere to the "Reopening Safety Plan", attached.
 - Presence is limited to a total of 50 people, including up to 20 members of the public.
- Entry into Hazlett Building (Public)
 - 6-foot physical distance shall be encouraged at all times.
 - Public will be notified by signage of COVID-19 symptoms; that they are subject to screening questions; and that they may not attend if they are experiencing symptoms.
 - Public will be asked COVID-19 health screening questions, and shall provide name, and phone number for contact-tracing purposes, should COVID-19 contact-tracing follow-up be necessary after the meeting.
 - The Clerk of the Legislature will maintain all documents concerning health screening and contact tracing, and these records are not subject to FOIL.
 - Public will be subject to security screening, as per established protocol.
 - Elevator usage shall be limited to one person at a time.
- Physical Layout of 5th Floor Legislative Chamber
 - Hand sanitation will be available at locations easily accessible to the public.

- Pedestrian traffic will be directed to travel “one way” around the Chamber.
- Public seating will be limited to chairs that are spaced for social distancing.
- Public wishing to provide public comment will be asked to not touch the microphone.
- Media (if present) will be directed where to locate equipment and conduct interviews.
- Public is prohibited from entering all other areas of the Chamber, except those dedicated for public use.