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POTENTIAL FEMA REIMBURSEMENT UNDER DISASTER DECLARATION

The Columbia County Emergency Management Office announces that on March 20, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of New York has received a Major Disaster Declaration (FEMA-4480-DR) from President Donald Trump. The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services will be holding applicant briefings for Columbia County via WebEx on March 30, 2020 for all potential eligible applicants who may receive reimbursements.

Those potential applicants may include state agencies, local government (county, city, town, and village), and federally recognized tribal nations. In addition, private non-profit organizations that may qualify are hospitals, nursing homes, public schools, and private schools.

Certain eligible expenses that could be reimbursed are cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment, general equipment, contractors, food, beverages, and possibly some salaries.

Applicant briefings will only be scheduled for March 30, 2020 via WebEx. The briefs will provide eligible applicants with the information needed to participate in the disaster as public assistance applicants and to submit for reimbursement for FEMA-eligible expenditures incurred as a result of the COVID-19 virus.

There are three times on March 30, 2020 to choose from when registering for the DR4480 applicant briefing (Region 2).

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Links to each meeting time will be on the Columbia County Sheriff's Office website: www.columbiacountysheriff.us and are as follows:

To register for the 9:00am, 1:00pm, or 6:00pm briefing, click on the appropriate link [9:00am Briefing](#). [1:00pm Briefing](#). [6:00pm Briefing](#).

Once registration is completed, you will receive a conformation with the teleconference login as well as the WebEx login. You will also receive a conformation email with the information and the WebEx briefing should last approximately one hour.