



VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT

127 Main Street · Brockport, New York 14420
Telephone (585) 637-5300 · Fax (585) 637-1045
Website: www.brockportny.org

The Victorian Village on the Erie Canal
Preserve America Community
Listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places
Certified Local Government
Tree City USA Community
Erie Canalway Heritage Award of Excellence
NYS Climate Smart Community
NYS Clean Energy Community

March 6, 2020

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Governor Cuomo,

The Village of Brockport has questions regarding the possible quarantining of SUNY and CUNY travel abroad students at The College at Brockport.

- What consideration was given, if any, to the characteristics of the larger community when identifying a campus as a quarantine site? Was the only concern available dormitory space? Were factors such as population density, proximity to a school district campus, and full-service hospital availability considered? The College at Brockport is entirely located within the village limits, abuts a K-12 school district campus, and is located in a community with a hospital facility, Strong West, that does not offer in-patient care if needed.
- The apparent indecision of your office is of great concern. While local government officials and college leaders waited all day Thursday, March 5, 2020 for direction from the state, the possibility of quarantining students ballooned into a news story full of missing facts, causing alarm in our community and others.
- The result of the premature news story, lack of information, poor communication, and no decision means our residents are uninformed about how quarantine works, how it will affect the returning students and their families, and how it may impact the nonquarantined population.
- We acknowledge there are many factors for your office to consider, details may be emerging, both logistics and science. However, your local government officials must be informed in order to provide honest guidance to their communities and the residents we all serve. A status update is better than silence; Brockport New Yorkers deserve to know how their community came under consideration, if/when students will be quarantined here, and what the possible realities are.

Sincerely,

Margaret B. Blackman,
Mayor

Mayor Margaret B. Blackman
Trustee/Deputy Mayor John D. LaPierre
Trustees Annette M. Crane, Shawn Halquist, Katherine J. Kristansen