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Opportunities for Otsego COVID-19 Operational Update

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Per guidance from several New York State offices, Opportunities for Otsego has made the following updates to agency operations:

- Violence Intervention Program emergency shelter services for victims of domestic violence are now fully operational. VIP will continue to provide virtual services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and violent crimes. Assistance may be obtained by calling the 24-hour Crisis Hotline at 607.432.4855.
- Opportunity House homeless shelter will reopen on April 14th. Persons needing emergency housing or eviction prevention services should call the Emergency Housing Assistance Program 24-hour hotline at 607.433.8318.

Until notified otherwise, Opportunities for Otsego will remain closed until Wednesday, April 29, 2020. In the interim:

- Essential staff will continue to work remotely and provide assistance with program-specific needs as they arise. Questions should be directed to 607.433.8000, where callers may leave a message requesting a return phone call.
- WIC participants with questions or needing assistance with eWIC benefit cards may contact the program at 607.433.8071 or wic@ofoinc.org.
- Building Healthy Families participants may continue to call or text home visitors by cell phone.

Any additional updates will be posted to Opportunities for Otsego Facebook page (facebook.com/ofoinc) and website (www.ofoinc.org).

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