



March 12, 2020

The safety and well-being of our staff, students, teachers, JA volunteers and corporate supporters, is our priority. We want to assure you that we are being vigilant of ongoing updates and are following best practices in conjunction with the recommendations from the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) and the [NYS Department of Health](#). We will continue to monitor and update as appropriate.

Events

JA Bowl-A-Thon event Saturday, March 14, 2020

With an abundance of caution and in the best interest of the Western New York Community, the staff and Board of Directors of Junior Achievement of WNY [JAWNY] has decided to **cancel this Saturday's [3/14/20] JA Bowl-A-Thon scheduled at all three locations: Transit, Airport and Lancaster Lanes.**

The decision to not hold this *large group* activity was not an easy one given that the JA Bowl-A-Thon represents one-quarter of our office's total budget. It is our hope that all participants continue to utilize the event website [www.jawnybowlathon.org] to fundraise and/or donate as planned on March 14. Our office will also work with all company coordinators to collect all cash and check donations collected.

School and Volunteer Partners

JAWNY staff will remain in contact with all schools, volunteer companies and other business partners to monitor their policies as they impact delivery of JA programs throughout our eight-county jurisdiction. At this time, we will continue with JA programs as scheduled, but will carefully monitor the situation and respond accordingly.

School Partners

- JAWNY will remain in contact with volunteer companies to monitor any risks associated with the virus at corporate/business facilities, as well monitor their policies/directives and the impact those policies may have on JA program delivery at your school and will communicate appropriately.

Volunteer Partners

- JAWNY staff will remain in contact with participating schools to monitor any risks associated with the virus at each school building and among school staff/student populations, as well monitor their policies/directives and will communicate appropriately.

Please know that JAWNY staff will continue to work to carry out our mission to the best of our ability during these unprecedented times. If you should have any questions, please contact Laurie Mahoney at lmahoney@jawny.org or call 716-853-1381 x 211.

Thank you.