

News Release

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Greene County STAY AT HOME Order Extended

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WAYNESBURG – As you should be aware, the Governor of Pennsylvania has extended the statewide STAY AT HOME order which includes Greene County. This order will now last through May 8, 2020. Additionally, Governor Wolf ordered all employees and customers of essential businesses to wear a mask. This order requires businesses to deny entry to customers who do not wear masks, unless the business is providing medication, medical supplies, or food, in which case the business must provide alternative methods of pick-up or delivery of such goods.

As of today, there have been a total of 25 positive test results for COVID-19 in Greene County. We believe we continue to mitigate the anticipated surge on medical facility requirements with social distancing, self-isolation and frequent hand washing. We understand this has not been easy, we would all like to get back toward normal life.

We remind our residents that the whole reason behind the exposure mitigation activities was to flatten the curve of exposure, thus reducing the number of individuals requiring medical treatment over time. The virus is still here, active, contagious and easily spread. Now is not the time to change those successful behaviors. We ask all Greene County residents to be patient and continue to be vigilant toward activities designed to reduce the spread of the virus.

As governments and other organizations design plans to re-open businesses and facilities that have been shuttered and normal daily activities resume, some individuals that have successfully avoided contact with the virus due to social distancing, self-isolation and frequent hand washing will be exposed and may become ill.

The idea of gradually opening businesses and returning to normal through a measured re-opening is to prevent a second wave of the virus as we return toward normal activities. The worst-case scenario is that through irresponsible behavior, the second wave exceeds local medical capability and we have already used large portions of our personal protective equipment meant to slow the spread.

For the most up-to-date, reliable information, please refer to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's website for Responding to COVID-19 in Pennsylvania: <https://www.pa.gov/guides/responding-to-covid-19/>.

The county government's website is continuously being updated and provides information from local, state and federal organizations related to the coronavirus, <https://www.co.greene.pa.us/coronavirus>. Additional information can be obtained on the Greene County Commissioner's Facebook page or by calling (724) 852-5210.