COVID – 19 Update

The Borough of Fountain Hill continues to operate under the Disaster Declaration that was issued by Mayor Gifford. Borough Council has extended the Declaration until May 4, 2020 by passing Resolution 2020 – 26 unanimously. Borough Council, the Mayor and Administration are working closely to ensure that essential functions continue. Council has also granted a grace period for Sewer and Garbage bills. The due date for the second quarter bills shall be July 15, 2020. Stormwater bills due date is also extended to August 1, 2020.

Council will also have additional information posted on the Borough website, www.fountainhill.org.

The following items are still in place;

- Administrative Offices are CLOSED to the public. If you need to contact the Borough please call 610-867-0301 or email the appropriate department. Additional information can be found on the Borough's website, www.fountainhill.org.
- Payments can be deposited in the drop box located outside Borough Hall.
- Residents can pay the Utility Bill online with a credit card or by electronic check (eNETPAY). To register go to: www.billpay.ubmaxonline.com or www.ub-pay.com (information on the borough website: www.fountainhill.org).

- Building Inspections will continue as needed. Planned Permit applications will continue to be processed.
- Fountain Hill Police Department, Public Works, and Fire Department will continue to operate and support the Borough as normal.
- Borough parks, trails and playgrounds will remain open for use.
  - Use of the playground equipment is at your own risk and we encourage parents to be mindful during this time.
- The due date for Sewer and Garbage bills will be extended 30 days to
- The due date for Stormwater fee will be extended 30 days to

Please pass this information to your friends and neighbors who do not have access to a computer.

- ***Previous Information***

- *Borough Hall will be closed to the public until further notice.*

- o *If you need service, please contact Borough Hall by phone at 610-867-0301 or contact the appropriate department via email. Contact information is available on our website.*
- o *Please utilize the drop box outside Borough Hall for any payments or permit submittals during this time. The box will be checked frequently.*
- o *Planned Permit applications will continue to be processed.*
- *Borough Police, Fire and EMS will continue to operate and support the Borough as normal.*
- *Garbage and Recycling will continue as scheduled. Please make sure your garbage bags are tied shut.*

We encourage neighbors to help neighbors and as a community we will persevere through this crisis. This situation is rapidly developing, and we encourage everyone to stay vigilant during this time.

For more information on the coronavirus please visit.

www.health.pa.gov

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

Frequently Asked Questions

What is coronavirus?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing illness in people and others circulating among animals, including camels, cats and bats.

The 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new virus that causes respiratory illness in people and can spread from person-to-person. This virus was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

What are the symptoms of coronavirus?

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include:

- *Fever*
- *Cough*
- *Shortness of breath*

The symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure. Reported illnesses have ranged from people with little to no symptoms to people being severely ill and dying.

How can the coronavirus spread?

Human coronaviruses spread just like the flu or a cold:

- *Through the air by coughing or sneezing;*
- *Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands;*
- *Touching an object or surface with the virus on it;*
- *Occasionally, fecal contamination.*

How can I help protect myself?

Prevention:

- *Cover coughs or sneezes with your elbow. **Do not use your hands!***
- *Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.*
- *Clean surfaces frequently, including countertops, light switches, cell phones, remotes, and other frequently touched items.*
- *Contain: if you are sick, stay home until you are feeling better.*

In addition, it is recommended that Pennsylvanians take time to prepare now. [View the PA](#) [Emergency Preparedness Guide](#).

Should I wear a mask or respirator in public?

Gov. Wolf Calls for Universal Masking

April 3, 2020

Masks Can Help Stop COVID-19 Spread

Harrisburg, PA – During a COVID-19 press briefing today Governor Tom Wolf recommended that all Pennsylvanians wear a mask any time they leave their homes for life-sustaining reasons. As COVID-19 cases steadily rise in the state, Gov. Wolf stressed the need to intensify all measures to help stop the spread of the virus.

"Two days ago, I amplified our social distancing efforts by instituting a [statewide stay-at-home order](#), and today I am asking all Pennsylvanians to wear a mask any time they leave their houses," Gov. Wolf said. "Masks help prevent people from sharing illnesses. But, they don't do a great job at keeping people from getting sick; and, they're not foolproof, so it is critical that our first act is to ask ourselves if we really need to leave our house. If we don't really, truly need to leave, then we shouldn't."

"Staying home is the most effective way to protect yourself and others against COVID-19," Sec. of Health Dr. Rachel Levine said. "But, if you must go out because you are out of food or medication, then wearing a mask, or even a bandana across your nose and mouth, could be an extra layer of protection.

"You don't need a surgical mask – we need those for our health care workers and first responders. We have [guidance on universal masking](#) on our website, including instructions on how to make your own mask using materials you have at home."

As of midnight, Pennsylvania's COVID-19 cases stand at 8,420 in 63 counties with 102 deaths. Gov. Wolf's statewide stay-at-home order asks Pennsylvanians in all 67 counties to not leave their homes unless it's for life-sustaining reasons. Today, he asked that wearing a mask during those life-sustaining trips becomes the norm.

"Wearing a mask will help us cut down the possibility that we might be infecting an innocent bystander, like the grocery store cashier, the pharmacist, or someone stocking shelves," Gov. Wolf said. "These people are keeping us alive by getting us the supplies we

need. We owe it to them to do everything we can to keep them safe. Right now, that means wearing a mask."

Should I cancel my trip to a country with a level 3 travel advisory?

Yes. The CDC recommends travelers avoid all nonessential travel to countries with a level 3 travel advisory at this time. For more travel information, visit our [Travelers Page](#).

Should I cancel my international travel because of novel coronavirus?

The CDC recommends avoiding all nonessential travel to a country with a level 3 travel advisory. For travel advice for other countries, please visit the CDC's website [Travel Health Notices Opens in A New Window](#) .

What about animals or animal products imported from China?

The CDC does not have evidence to suggest that animals or animal products imported from China pose a risk for spreading COVID-19 in the United States. This is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available.

Resources

- [Coronavirus fact sheet - DOH](#) *(PDF)*
- [Coronavirus (COVID-19) fact sheet – CDC Opens in A New Window](#) *(PDF)*
- [What to do if you are sick with COVID-19Opens In A New Window](#) *(PDF)*
- [Coronavirus (COVID-19) Isolation vs. Quarantine Infographic - NJDOH](#) *(PDF)*
- [Coronavirus (COVID-19) FAQ Opens in A New Window](#)
- [Preventing COVID-19 From Spreading to Others in Communities Opens In A New Window](#)
- [Stigma Related to COVID-19Opens In A New Window](#)
- [Share Facts About COVID-19Opens In A New Window](#)

- *Interim Guidance: Get Your Household Ready for COVID-19 Opens in A New Window*

- *Interim Guidance: Get Your Mass Gatherings or Large Community Events Ready for COVID-19 Opens in A New Window*

- *Pandemic Information*

- *Insurance Coverage and COVID-19 FAQ*

- *COVID-19 Public Health Terms*

- *Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission Opens In A New Window*

- *Gov. Wolf, Sec. of Health Outline COVID-19 Mitigation Guidance for Montgomery County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*

- *Gov. Wolf, Congresswoman Houlahan, Sec. of Health, Sec. of Education Outline COVID-19 Mitigation Guidance for Pennsylvania Schools and Additional Closures in Bucks and Chester Counties*

- *Steps to Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 if You're Sick Opens in A New Window*

- *Mental Health and Coping During COVID-19Opens In A New Window*

- *COVID-19 Testing Factsheet*

- *Wolf Administration Issues Guidance to Non-essential Businesses as Part of COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts*
    - *Letter from Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine*

- *Wolf Administration Orders Restaurants and Bars to Close Dine-In Service in Mitigation Counties Including Allegheny To Stop Spread of COVID-19*

- *Responding to Children's Emotional Needs During Times of Crisis Opens in A New Window*

- *Talking to Children About COVID-19 (Coronavirus): A Parent Resource Opens in A New Window*

- COVID-19 Business Guidance

- [COVID-19 Business Risk Assessment Tool](#)

- [COVID-19 Business FAQ](#)

- [COVID-19 Business Fact Sheet](#)

- [Quarantine-Isolation Work Guidance](#)

Social Media Graphics and Poster

The social media and other available graphics have been moved to a new page.

- *[View and share social media graphics and posters](#)*

Questions? Call 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258)