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All Cumberland County Government Facilities Remain Closed

County Offices Operating With Employees on a Rotating Schedule and Telecommuting

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners today announced that the courthouse and all county government facilities will be closed to visitors until further notice.

Earlier this week, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners signed a Declaration of Disaster Emergency so that the county could take all appropriate actions needed to effectively mitigate and respond to the current situation. The declaration also allows Cumberland County officials to purchase needed supplies, employ temporary workers and enter into contracts and agreements with vendors without the "time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law."

"With the number of COVID-19 cases in Cumberland County, we made this decision for the health and safety of our county employees and residents," said Commissioner Gary Eichelberger. "We are following the guidelines of Governor Wolf, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the CDC to do our part to mitigate the spread of coronavirus."

All residents and all other persons should refrain from coming to the Cumberland County Courthouse and all county-owned buildings and facilities to address non-essential and non-emergency activities.

The only exception is any court proceedings and court-related matters as specifically indicated by <u>order of the President Judge</u> of Cumberland County that shall be conducted. The Court of Common Pleas of the 9th Judicial District, Cumberland County, and all Magisterial District Judges Offices are closed to the public for 14 days until April 3 at 8 a.m. A re-evaluation of this measure will be made closer to April 3.

"We have implemented a plan to keep county operations running. Core staff will perform essential functions to sustain operations at a reduced capacity," Eichelberger added.

If residents have urgent matters with county government offices, they can call the individual office or visit our county website to find online solutions.

The Cumberland County Department of Public Safety's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated since Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020 and will continue to monitor the situation.

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