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Commissioners Proactively Working On Plan To Re-Open County Responsibly

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Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Commissioners today announced that they are proactively working to explore the options that they may have to move the county to the Yellow Phase of the Governor's Reopening Pennsylvania Plan.

"We continue to research the legal and practical options available to us on all issues regarding re-opening, so we are ready to open more broadly in the right way, at the right time," said Cumberland County Commissioner Gary Eichelberger. "Like everyone, we want this to happen as soon as possible, consistent with overall public safety and with the best chance of sustained success."

The county has heard from many citizens about a few other counties publicly declaring they will open without state approval. The Commissioners have directed the county solicitor to identify if the county has any legal basis to re-open the county by overriding the governor's emergency declaration.

"We need to do this right. There is a world of difference between action, and effective action; to be effective, it has to be legal," said Eichelberger. "We understand the frustration of our business owners and residents, and we are extremely sympathetic to their plight."

The Commissioners are sending a letter to Governor Wolf early this week to convey their interest in a timely and urgent resolution to the outstanding issues related to a broader reopening. Since the pandemic hit our county, the Governor's Office, the Department of Public Safety has been on the front lines working with PEMA, the Department of Health, and the CDC to take appropriate steps help mitigate the spread of COVID -19.

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