



COUNCIL

Brian P. Zidek
Chairman

Dr. Monica Taylor
Vice Chair

Kevin M. Madden
Elaine Paul Schaefer
Christine A. Reuther

COUNTY OF DELAWARE
GOVERNMENT CENTER BUILDING
201 W. FRONT STREET
MEDIA, PENNSYLVANIA

www.DelcoPA.gov

Department of Public Relations
Adrienne Marofsky
Director
Office: 610-891-4943
Cell: 610-306-4497
MarofskyA@co.delaware.pa.us

Released: March 30, 2020

Delaware County's March 30 Update to Brief Residents on Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Today the Pennsylvania Department of Health announced 693 additional cases of COVID-19 in the state, bringing the total number to 4,087. Delaware County has 45 additional cases, bringing the total number of cases in Delaware County to 300.

Delaware County Council continues to urge residents to follow Governor Wolf's Stay at Home Order, which will help prevent the spread of the virus and protect our community. The order took effect on Monday, March 23 and will continue until at least April 6. Individuals may leave their residence only to perform allowable individual activities and allowable essential travel. More information about the order can be found here:

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/governor-wolf-and-health-secretary-issue-stay-at-home-orders-to-7-counties-to-mitigate-spread-of-covid-19/>

Many residents are following this guidance, which will help to flatten the curve. We can't mitigate the virus unless all residents are following the guidance.

The COVID-19 pandemic can cause fear and anxiety for some residents and there are additional stressors added for some due to loss of jobs. Social distancing and isolation can also be difficult for some residents. The County's Department of Human Services has some resources and coping strategies available here: www.delcopa.gov/ich/pdfs/COVID19_HumanServicesResources.pdf

Food assistance is available to residents in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools and organizations across the County are providing grab and go meals to residents in need. An interactive map with locations and information about food assistance can be found here:

<https://www.delcopa.gov/ich/resources/covidfoodassistance.html>

Residents or organizations who would like to donate protective and medical supplies and equipment and also in-kind donations can call 1-800-253-3102 or email: EOC@DelcoDES.org

Another reminder--

Right now the best way to protect yourself is to take the same precautions you would to prevent the flu or common cold:

- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze with your elbow to avoid touching your face
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm/hot 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

- If you are feeling sick, stay home. Rest, take care of yourself and don't spread the germs.

The County has a website dedicated to information on the Coronavirus, including prevention, resources and a FAQ section with links to the Chester County Health Department, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the CDC. The website is: www.delcopa.gov/ich/resources/coronavirus.html

The Chester County Health Department has updated their website to include data and maps for Delaware County COVID-19 cases. Residents can visit the website for COVID-19 data and information on how to keep themselves, their family and friends, and the community healthy. The website is: www.chesco.org/4376/Coronavirus-COVID-19

It can also be accessed on the Delaware County's COVID-19 website by clicking on the blue COVID-19 banner: www.delcopa.gov/ich/resources/coronavirus.html

There are two local numbers for residents to call for COVID-19 related resources and questions. Residents can call the Chester County Health Department Hotline at 610-344-6225. They have staff on site from 8:30am-4:30pm, seven days a week answering questions. They have also partnered with the Greater Philadelphia Coronavirus Helpline, which is staffed 24/7. Residents can call 1-800-722-7112.

Residents are encouraged to register for the DelcoAlert notification system which alerts residents of updates and emergencies. You can register here: www.delcopa.gov/delcoalert/delcoalert.html