



Office of Emergency Management City of Chester

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Public Transportation

Effective Sunday, March 29th, all SEPTA services, including Regional Rail service, all city and suburban bus and trolley service and the Market Frankford, Broad Street and Norristown High Speed Lines, will begin operating an ESSENTIAL SERVICE schedule.

Coronavirus/COVID-19 Hotlines

Questions about Coronavirus/COVID-19 can be answered using the following hotlines:

- Greater Philadelphia Area Coronavirus Hotline available 24/7:
1-800-722-7112
- Chester County Health Department available daily 8:30A.M. to 4:30P.M.
610-344-6225

Testing

Anyone with symptoms of coronavirus wishing to be tested should contact their primary care physician. If you do not have a primary care physician, contact the Crozer Hotline at 610-447-6730.

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Cases can be tracked using the following link:

<https://www.chesco.org/4376/Coronavirus-COVID-19>

Countywide Stay-At-Home/Shelter-In-Place Order: IN EFFECT

By order of Governor Wolf, **ALL** residents of Delaware County are to remain in their homes. You may continue to work if your employer is a life-sustaining business. Residents are only allowed to leave their homes for trips to food markets, doctor appointments and any other necessary outings. While out, practice the principles of Social Distancing.

All Non-Life-Sustaining Businesses To Close

By order of Governor Wolf, only businesses that are classified as “life-sustaining” are permitted to operate.

Businesses requesting waivers should use the following link:

<https://expressforms.pa.gov/apps/pa/DCED/Waiver-process-keeping-physical-locations-open>

To report a noncompliant business, contact the city of Chester Emergency Operations Center at 610-447-7765 Monday to Friday 8:30A.M. to 4P.M. Please do not call 911 to file reports.



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Note: Motor Vehicle Repair Shops & Services are permitted to operate. Dealerships are not classified as life-sustaining.

Daycares & Schools

The Chester-Upland School District and all daycares are to remain closed until April 13th, 2020.

City Businesses

- Chester City Hall will remain closed to the general public until at least Monday – April 6, 2020. A decision concerning online streaming access/ telecommunication devices to facilitate upcoming Deliberative/Council Meetings will be made early next week.
- New funding is available to help small businesses impacted by COVID-19 through a new program under the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority’s Small Business First Fund, the COVID-19 Working Capital Access Program. Find out more about the program and how to apply.
<https://dced.pa.gov/programs/covid-19-working-capital-access-program-cwca/>
- The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development offers working capital loans that could be of assistance to businesses impacted by COVID-19. Resources and information can be found here as they become available.
<https://dced.pa.gov/resources/>
- Loan applications can also be downloaded at [sba.gov/disaster](https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela). Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via the SBA’s secure website
<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>

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