



Office of Emergency Management City of Chester

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City Basketball Courts & Playgrounds

All city of Chester Parks are officially closed to the public. In effort to minimize social gatherings in our parks, all basketball court rims will be removed. Residents who wish to exercise or walk in these areas can do so. However, everyone should continue to practice social distancing during any outdoor activity.

Potential Exposure Report

Residents of Delaware County can now submit a Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) potential exposure report. If you suspect that you have been in contact with a COVID-19 case within the last 14 days, you can follow a report at the following link: https://chesterco.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bEJKTxjH1ZSLNgV

Universal Masking

The CDC and Governor Wolf now recommend that the general public wear a basic cloth mask anytime they leave their home for life-sustaining reasons. Medical-type masks should be reserved for healthcare workers. More information can be found at: <https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-calls-for-universal-masking/>

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

By order of Governor Wolf, the Stay-At Home Order has been extended until April 30th. **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.

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>



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Daycares & Schools

The Chester-Upland School District and all daycares are to remain closed until further notice

All Non-Life-Sustaining Businesses To Close

By order of Governor Wolf, only businesses that are classified as “life-sustaining” are permitted to operate. Non-life sustaining businesses are to remain closed. To report a noncompliant business, contact the City of Chester Emergency Operations Center at (610) 447-7765 Monday - Friday from 8:30A.M. to 4P.M. Please do not call 911 to file reports.

All businesses that have been classified as non-life sustaining have until Friday, April 10th, 2020 to apply for a waiver. Waivers can be found at: <https://expressforms.pa.gov/apps/pa/DCED/Waiver-process-keeping-physical-locations-open>

City of Chester Government Operations

City Hall - City Hall will be closed to the general public for the month of April.

Meetings - All public meetings will be live streamed on the city’s Facebook Page.

The city of Chester is scheduled to hold two (2) Deliberative Meetings and two (2) Council Meetings during the month of April. To reduce the amount of days that persons would need to travel to attend these meetings, city officials have decided to move the Deliberative Meeting dates to the same day that corresponds with the bi-weekly Council Meetings.

As a result of these changes, Deliberative and Council Meetings for the month of April will take place on the following days and times:

Wednesday – April 8, 2020:

Deliberative Meeting (10am)

Council Meeting (approximately 10:30am)

Wednesday – April 22, 2020:

Deliberative Meeting (10am)

Council Meeting (approximately 10:30am)

City of Chester News and Information Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/cityofchester/>

Public Transportation

SEPTA service is operating on a continuous Saturday schedule until further notice. Riders are to begin to board buses and trolleys from the rear door. On board payments are suspended. Riders with disabilities can still board through the front of the bus. Regional Rail service is operating on an ESSENTIAL SERVICE schedule. SEPTA is also limiting the amount of riders on board to further promote social distancing.

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