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Current Confirmed Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases in city of Chester

According to Chester County Health Department's data and maps for Delaware County, as of Friday, May 1, 2020 there are 201 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the city of Chester. This number accounts for 0.59% of the City's population. The data also indicates four (4) COVID-19 related deaths in Chester.

Anyone that wishes to track the current confirmed cases of the virus should visit Chester County Health Department's website: <https://www.chesco.org/4476/Delaware-County-Maps-Message>

City Services

Chester City Hall will remain closed to the public until further notice. Essential City services will continue to be delivered without interruption. Residents who report **NEW** bulk trash pickup requests should expect delays as the city is working with limited staff in order to adhere to current state and federal mandates.

As a reminder, the city of Chester has **extended** its **tax deadline to May 31, 2020**. Additionally, the City will grant a two percent (2%) discount to anyone who pays their taxes by May 31, 2020. Residents who wish to pay their tax bill during this time can drop off payment at the drive-thru service window, located on the east side of the building Monday – Friday from 9am – 2pm. Payments can also be mailed.

During the month of May, Chester City Council will hold its regularly scheduled Deliberative and Council Meetings via Facebook live streaming. More information about Deliberative Meetings time/date changes will be announced in the near future.

City of Chester News and Information Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/cityofchester/

Countywide Stay-At-Home/Shelter-In-Place Order: EXTENDED

By order of Governor Wolf, the Stay-At Home Order has been extended until May 8th. **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.

Universal Masking

Employees and customers are required to wear masks inside essential businesses. Businesses are ordered to deny entry to any customers who are not wearing a mask, unless the business is providing medication, medical supplies, or food, in which case the business must provide alternative methods of pick-up or delivery of goods. Exceptions include people who cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition and children under two years old.

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/>

Coronavirus/COVID-19 Hotlines



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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.

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

Schools & Daycares

By order of the State's Education Secretary, all Pennsylvania schools are closed through the rest of the academic year. Daycares are to remain closed until further notice.

Food Delivery for Seniors

During the COVID-19 pandemic, The County of Delaware Services for the Aging (COSA) and Community Transit are partnering to offer seniors an alternative to in-person grocery shopping. Community Transit drivers are available to get grocery lists and payment from seniors and shop and deliver their items. Seniors can stay safely in their homes. The cost of the shopping and delivery will be subsidized by COSA. To contact Community Transit for this service, please call 215-900-2519 or email GroceryDropOff@CTDelco.org

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.

Public Transportation

The Wilmington/Newark regional rail line, which services the Chester Transportation Center, and Bus Routes 37, 118 and 119 have been suspended. Bus Routes 109, 113, 114, 117 are operating on an "Enhanced Saturday" Schedule. Riders are 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. SEPTA is also limiting the amount of riders on board to further promote social distancing.