

Adams County Commissioner Updates – April 15, 2020

- As of yesterday, there were a reported 63 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Adams County with 1 death. Today, I regret to report the number is 64 confirmed with an additional COVID-19 related death. Some reports indicate the fatality was a Frederick County resident at Gettysburg Hospital. After some initial confusion, it has been established that the county where the victim is tested or succumbs, it becomes part of that counties total – not where the subject resides.
- The Adams County Board of Commissioners has a responsibility to county staff, to provide critical service to our residents, and exercise fiscal responsibility. Thus, in collaboration with Department Directors and Elected Officials, Adams County HR, County Manager Steve Nevada, and the Board of Commissioners have been discussing the frame-work for a Furlough Plan of non-emergency personnel if the Stay At Home Order goes past Monday, May 3.
- In order to provide as much notice to affected staff as possible, it is anticipated that Directors & Department Managers will be contacting those staff identified for furlough this week, and will be sending out a letter to each staff member that includes information regarding the furlough and benefits, as well as Frequently Asked Questions. As stated previously, it is not the intent of a furlough to affect health or pension benefits, and that state unemployment combined with Federal “Super Unemployment” will hopefully have minimal financial impact. We are certainly hopeful that this furlough disruption does not occur or is minimal! The Board appreciates everyone’s input in making these difficult decisions, prescribed by these unique circumstances.
- The courthouse remains open to the public from 10-3:30, in a limited capacity, for emergency filings and court proceedings.
- A reminder that blood donors are urgently needed as blood donations have decreased during this pandemic. Statistically 1 out of every 10 persons entering the hospital requires blood. Please contact WellSpan Health or the American Red Cross to obtain details for blood donations. There is no additional risk to donating blood due to COVID-19.
- Walking trails are Open in Adams County. Gettysburg National Military Park is open with miles of trails and roadways for driving, walking, running or biking. Did you know the Appalachian Trail goes through Adams County? Consider driving or biking The Scenic Valley Tour that takes you through the beautiful vistas of Adams County. Use this as an opportunity to experience the natural beauty and resources of Adams County while employing social distancing and getting some physical and mental benefit! Please utilize recommended social distancing and other commonsense practices to reduce the possibility of exposure or spreading the virus!

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