

Governor To Announce State-wide Stay At Home Tonight Beginning At 8PM – April 1, 2020

The Adams County Board of Commissioners has been informed by the Governor's Office that at 3PM today, the Governor will announce a state-wide Stay At Home mandate that will affect all 67 of Pennsylvania counties. The mandate will reportedly take effect at 8PM this evening. Currently, 33 of 67 Pennsylvania counties are already on the Stay At Home list with neighboring Franklin and Lebanon County's being added yesterday. With the addition of Franklin County, Adams County was surrounded by Franklin, Cumberland, York, Carroll County, Md., Frederick County, Md., and Washington County, Md., with Stay At Home directives. Nearby Dauphin County was also on the list.

Today, according to the Adams County Department of Emergency Services, Adams County went from 9 COVID-19 confirmed cases yesterday to 12 today. With 5,805 confirmed cases and 74 deaths in Pennsylvania, the order requires residents to stay home, except for certain allowable travel or errands for health or safety purposes or going to a job designated as part of a life-sustaining employment sector. The order does not dramatically change the menu of essential services and businesses already allowed by the current state-wide order listing essential businesses. For a complete listing of Stay At Home Order specifics go to <https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020-03-23-Notice-Pennsylvania-Stay-Home-Order.pdf>

Adams County Government will continue to operate on a work-at-home basis for all non-essential personnel, with all departments to the greatest extent possible, taking phone calls and answering emails. The courthouse is open only for emergency judicial hearings or filings.

For the health and safety of our residents and staff, until further notice, Adams County will be conducting the now bi-weekly Board of Commissioner's meetings via teleconference. Adams County Commissioners continue to encourage public participation and are providing a call-in option for the public. If you are interested in participating via phone, please call 1-844-621-3956, enter meeting number 479 516 558 #. The next Adams County Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 9AM.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health there are 42,427 patients in Pennsylvania who have tested negative to date. Of the patients who have tested positive to date the age breakdown is as follows: 1% are aged 0-4; 1% are aged 5-12; 1% are aged 13-18; 9% are aged 19-24; 40% are aged 25-49; 29% are aged 50-64; and 19% are aged 65 or older.

Don't forget we are blessed in Adams County with an abundance of walking and biking opportunities with beautiful vistas. Let's all use common sense and recommended precautions; and look out for our families, friends, co-workers, neighbors and each other.

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