## **News Release**

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## **Greene County COVID-19 Preparedness Statement**

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WAYNESBURG - Greene County Commissioners and staff have continued coordination with state and national agencies to impede the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 and believe we are well postured to respond to this pandemic. Our over-arching approach is to flatten the curve on the rate of exposure and maintain patient treatment requirements lower than medical capabilities. Individuals have the obligation to practice social distancing and take precautions to reduce the likelihood of exposure.

To that end, the Greene County office buildings will be closed to the public beginning the afternoon of March 19, 2020. All normal county functions will continue with emphasis on conducting routine business via e-mail, telephone, or regular U.S. Postal Service. Individuals with an absolute need to visit in person, can schedule an appointment with the specific office in which they intend to conduct business. Phone numbers are available on the Greene County website: www.co.greene.pa.us.

The Greene County Tax Office urges prior coordination for Small Games of Chance licenses by calling 724-852-5225 and tax claim visits at 724-852-5232.

The Greene County Election Board and Elections Office are urging voters to utilize the online applications at www.votespa.com to vote via Mail in or Absentee Ballot for the primary election scheduled for April 28th. You can also use this website to change your voter registration or register to vote. Please contact the Elections office at (724) 852-5230 for more information.

Emergency services remain responsive to calls, however 911 dispatchers will be asking additional questions in order to prepare the EMS responders to the possibility of exposure to COVID-19. If you feel ill or are exhibiting flu like symptoms, call your primary care physician. If you intend to go to a hospital, call beforehand for guidance from that specific hospital. Washington Healthcare Systems Greene can be reached at (724) 627-3101.

The county government's website is continuously being updated and Greene County Emergency Management can provide additional information pertaining to the response to COVID-19 pandemic and can be reached via email at <a href="mailto:publicinformation@co.greene.pa.us">publicinformation@co.greene.pa.us</a>