



Greene County Commissioners Initiate COVID-19 Task Force

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WAYNESBURG – In addition to an enhanced posture of their Emergency Operations Center, the Greene County Commissioners have requested the initiation of a COVID-19 Task Force. The task force will improve coordination at the local level and influence responses to potential deficits in personal protective equipment (PPE), other medical supplies and facilitate information sharing at the state level.

Established protocols facilitate requests for services or equipment and are functioning well at this point in time. However, as the pandemic matures and needs become more urgent, an established COVID-19 Task Force will enable advocacy of county level requirements at the state level. County participants will have a direct line of communication to Senator Camera Bartolotta and Representative Pam Snyder on a scheduled, weekly conference call.

The incident rate of positive COVID-19 test results will likely increase daily in Greene County. This was inevitable and should not be cause for panic. The response to this pandemic will define our future and we must remain vigilant in our responsibilities to follow the Center for Disease Control recommendations. Personal hygiene and social distancing are now more important than ever before.

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.

Residents are reminded of the 2-1-1 service. This service is updated with current services in respect to COVID-19. With one phone number, callers gain free, confidential access to thousands of programs and services that can help improve the quality of their lives. Help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 2-1-1 for the following referrals:

- **Basic Human Needs Resources:** food banks, shelters, rent and utility payment assistance
- **Physical and Mental Health Resources:** crisis intervention services, support groups, counseling
- **Employment Support:** financial assistance, job training, education programs
- **Support for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities:** home-delivered meals, transportation, health care
- **Youth and Child Care Programs:** after school programs, summer camps, mentoring, protection services
- **Regional Disaster Preparation**

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 publicinformation@co.greene.pa.us