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Dear Media Borough Residents,

Our country and our borough are facing a deadly national pandemic. More than 90,000 of our fellow citizens have already succumbed to the effects of the coronavirus. The coronavirus pandemic is affecting nearly every aspect of our lives: personal, financial, work, and social. Media Borough residents and businesses have shown great resilience and patience over the past few months under extended “stay at home” orders from state government. Every day in our small town we see examples of kindness and compassion as residents care for each other with food donations, food shopping, phone calls, art work, and socially distanced visits. Media Borough – aptly “Everybody’s Hometown” - is a rare example of a close-knit community that is getting harder to find. We take pride in our town and we take care of each other.

Media Borough Council recognizes the severe hardships our borough faces as the state “stay at home” order has been extended. Residents and businesses are facing unprecedented social and economic challenges. While Delaware County remains in a “red (stay at home) phase”, county and borough government representatives are working hard to ensure resident safety while looking at ways to reopen our local economy safely once the state gives the green light.

Delaware County government has worked tirelessly to bring Delaware County to a “yellow phase” and begin to ease restrictions in both a safe and timely manner that does not jeopardize the lives of county residents. Some measures the county is taking toward this goal are:

- Advocating for more diagnostic testing to help contain future spread of the virus
- Coordinating food and supply donations for residents in need
- Supporting small businesses with the Delco Strong Small Business Support Program
- Providing public health guidance to residents and all essential businesses and industries in coordination with the Chester County Health Department (CCHD)
- Providing case investigation and contact tracing in partnership with CCHD
- Advocating for metrics that separately measure progress in long-term facilities
- Working with the governor and his public health team to re-examine the metrics previously set to gauge reopening and discussing opportunities to reopen certain types of businesses using sensible safety measures

Early in the pandemic, the Media Borough Council formed a Pandemic Task Force that meets regularly to discuss the most recent information available from federal, state, and county sources. State and county updates are shared as soon as they are received with residents in the monthly newsletter and Media Borough social media sites (listed below). Additionally, Media Borough Council has been working closely with the Media Business Authority to facilitate and inform business owners about new sources of funding and assistance as we are made aware of them.

Balancing the wellbeing of Media Borough residents and the concerns of our business community, using scientific evidence of the virus's progression, has not been an easy task. It remains the challenge of the day. Media Borough and Delaware County must follow state orders to “stay the course” through June 4. Not doing so could result in a loss of state funding or other sanctions. More important, not doing so could result in lost ground in the fight against COVID-19. Our economy depends on an effective and cohesive public health campaign against the coronavirus.

We urge residents to “stay the course” as the virus continues to affect our county and our communities. Please remain at home except for essential errands and maintain CDC suggested safety precautions when you do leave home: wear a mask or have one available, maintain a safe distance from others you encounter (at least 6 feet), stay home if you are sick, and always cover your cough or sneeze. Above all, remember that we are in this together and together we will prevail. Remain the gracious and kind Media residents that you have always been. Remember to help your neighbors safely, especially those who are in greatest need, and remember to support your local businesses in whatever way you can.

Please feel free to reach out to any of your elected council members with concerns or questions. Contact information is on the borough website: [mediaborough.com](http://mediaborough.com).

With Gratitude,

Media Borough Council Members &  
Robert A. McMahon, Media Borough Mayor

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