

## **Update from Media Borough Regarding COVID-19**

On Friday, March 13, 2020, Mayor Bob McMahon declared a disaster emergency related to the novel coronavirus and the disease, COVID-19. We wanted to take a minute to explain what that means and why we passed the resolution. We think it important that residents understand the logical bases for the declaration and not take it as another reason to feel stress.

Stated simply, the declaration frees your local government to act more quickly to spend money, sign contracts, and hold meetings without some of the notice, advertising and approval processes that otherwise govern our work. And we hope that by doing so, we can act decisively to continue essential government functions and serve and assist residents. The declaration makes sense as we prepare for some uncertainty.

If you think you may be ill with Coronavirus, call the Pennsylvania Department of Health hotline at 1-877-PA HEALTH (1-877-724-3258) and your primary care provider for further advice. Please reserve emergency department visits related to suspected COVID-19 for more severe illnesses such as difficulty breathing, inability to eat or drink normally, or if you think you are unable to care for yourself in some other manner. If you are unsure if you should go to the emergency department you are always welcome to call ahead and ask. If you plan on coming to the Emergency Department because you are concerned you have been infected with COVID-19 please call ahead.

For more information on the novel corona virus and how to protect your family and the community, visit the CDC's website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

For Delaware County information and updates, please visit Delaware County's Coronavirus website:

<https://www.delcopa.gov/ich/resources/coronavirus.html>

We'll keep you posted of all local efforts.

Yours Truly,

Bob McMahon  
Mayor

Brian Hall  
Council President