

Contact: Rebecca Waugaman, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Telephone: 724-548-3368
E-mail: rjferacioly@co.armstrong.pa.us

ARMSTRONG COUNTY UNDER STAY AT HOME ORDER

Kittanning, PA – Governor Tom Wolfe issued a ‘Stay At Home’ order for all counties in Pennsylvania today which includes Armstrong County, until April 30, 2020. This order means residents should stay home as much as possible.

In response to this order, the Armstrong County Board of Commissioners has furloughed 20 percent of workers throughout County government in an effort to reduce exposure risk.

“Please know as County Officials, we resolve to pursue the best defense in interest of the County,” said Chairman Don Myers.

It is suggested residents try to get groceries once per week instead of daily. Freedom of travel remains, but residents are asked to please refrain from non-essential travel. Essential travel includes things like commuting to an essential job, picking up supplies like groceries and medicine. Residents are asked to not host or attend social gatherings.

All essential County services remain staffed and fully operational and will not be affected by this furlough.

“The County has located and ordered a substantial supply of N-95 face masks to support our first responders and their mission of reducing the spread of COVID-19,” said Commissioner Pat Fabian.

County officials encourage residents to continue to use the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for social distancing, handwashing and self-quarantine.

“When you wash your hands, make sure you scrub for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, you can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer,” said Commissioner Jason Renshaw, “Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow when coughing or sneezing and avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.”

###