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ARMSTRONG COUNTY PREPARES FOR REOPENING

Kittanning, PA – Armstrong County continually monitors Coronavirus case count in the County and prepares for reopening.

Today, the PA DOH is reporting 55 positive cases in Armstrong County and 3 fatalities.

Governor Wolfe in consultation with Public Health officials, have determined a reopening metric for the State. The target goal for reopening has been set at having fewer than 50 new confirmed cases per 100,000 people in a population within the last 14 days. Using this metric, Armstrong County's rate would be 24.6. This shows Armstrong County is trending down in the number of positive cases over the past 14 days.

Armstrong County Board of Commissioners are anticipating moving to the "yellow" phase in the next round of openings which will be announced by Governor Wolfe. In preparation of this reopening, the Board is making determinations on how to safely reopen the Courthouse Annex building.

"It is our top priority to protect the employees and visitors of the County," said Commissioner Don Myers, "We will be putting protective practices into place once we are able to reopen to the public."

All visitors to the Courthouse Annex building will be required to wear face masks and the number of visitors allowed entry will be monitored and restricted.

"The buildings will have adequate sanitation to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus," said Commissioner Jason Renshaw.

"There will also be signage posted to promote and remind everyone to practice social distancing," said Commissioner Pat Fabian, "Continued mitigation efforts throughout the County are key to continue this trend, even with a move from phase red to phase yellow."

The Armstrong County Courthouse is also opening on a restricted basis under order of the Supreme Court. All visitors will also be required to wear a mask and the Sherriff's office will screen all visitors entering the building.

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