



WEST PITTSSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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A Message from the Mayor and Chief of Police:

As of 8.P.M. March 27th, 2020, Luzerne County has been placed under a stay at home order by Governor Tom Wolf. Outlined are the details of the order from PA.Gov. We hope that this information helps our residents understand this order from the governor and helps the citizens stay safe during this pandemic.

Allowable Individual Activities:

Individuals may leave their residence ONLY to perform any of the following allowable individual activities and allowable essential travel:

- Tasks essential to maintain health and safety, or the health and safety of their family or household members (including, but not limited to, pets), such as obtaining medicine or medical supplies, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies they need to work from home.
 - Getting necessary services or supplies for themselves or their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as getting food and household consumer products, pet food, and supplies necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences. This includes volunteer efforts to distribute meals and other life-sustaining services to those in need.
 - Engaging in outdoor activity, such as walking, hiking or running if they maintain social distancing.
 - To perform work providing essential products and services at a life-sustaining business (see below for details about life-sustaining business activities).
 - To care for a family member or pet in another household.
- Allowable Essential Travel
- Any travel related to the provision of or access to the above-mentioned individual activities or life-sustaining business activities (see below for details about life-sustaining business activities).
 - Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.
 - Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services.
 - Travel to return to a place of residence from an outside jurisdiction.
 - Travel required by law enforcement or court order.

- Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the commonwealth.
- Anyone performing life-sustaining travel does not need paperwork to prove the reason for travel.

Life-sustaining Business Activities:

- Life-sustaining business activities are exempt from this policy. On March 19, Governor Wolf ordered the closure of the physical locations of businesses that are not critical to sustaining life in a pandemic.
- Businesses can determine whether they are considered a life-sustaining business, and are therefore allowed to continue in-person, physical operations, by first referring to the Governor's Order and the list of life-sustaining business which is (available on Pa.Gov). This list has been updated to conform to guidance (on) Essential Critical Infrastructure issued by the Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency advisory.
- If the answer remains unclear, businesses may email the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for further assistance at the following email account: ra-dcedcs@pa.gov. Inquiries will be answered as promptly as possible.
- Businesses that are ordered closed but believe they could help mitigate this crisis by providing a life-sustaining service may apply for a waiver to re-open.

The Mayor and Chief of Police would like to inform residents that all essential services of West Pittston Borough will remain operational. All offices have been working diligently with one another to provide the same excellent and professional services that our residents are accustomed to. Any emergency call of service will still be handled by the West Pittston Police. All residents are asked to call 911 during an emergency and can call (570) 655-7780 for any non-emergent matters.

We want to reassure each and every one of you that this pandemic will pass. Each of us are adapting our lives in new ways in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Through being diligent, maintaining social distancing, and responding proactively to this pandemic, our community will get through this. Just as we have with hardships in the past, the West Pittston Community will overcome the challenges facing us today and we all will make the Borough of West Pittston an even greater place to call our home.

Sincerely,

Thomas Blaskiewicz,
Mayor

Michael Turner,
Chief of Police