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FAYETTE COUNTY OFFICE OPERATIONS TEMPORARILY LIMITED

Uniontown, PA – In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Fayette County government offices will begin operating with restrictions and an abundance of caution on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020.

These restrictions will remain in place until Monday, Jan. 4, 2021.

The Fayette County Courthouse will be closed to the general public beginning 8 a.m. Dec. 9, except for essential business previously scheduled via appointments. This closure comes with the exception of the county court system, which will remain open for only emergency, essential matters and certain previously scheduled events.

Please contact your attorney to confirm if your event will occur. Unrepresented parties should contact the administrative office of the Fayette County courts.

A mask continues to be required upon entry to the courthouse. This will be strictly enforced.

As we strive to protect the health and wellbeing of Fayette County, the Board of Commissioners asks that anyone needing to contact county offices do so via phone, email or online at <u>www.fayettecountypa.org</u>.

During this phase of limited operations, Fayette County will clean and sanitize all county facilities. We continue to work with WVU Medicine to ensure all COVID-19 safety protocols are being met.

The Commissioners reinforce that the health and safety of those who live in, work in, or visit Fayette County is paramount.

We are actively monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation across Fayette County, and are consulting with Fayette County's Emergency Management Agency; the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; and their networks of medical professionals to coordinate appropriate responses and prevention efforts.

The Commissioners also encourage everyone to engage in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommended behaviors for mitigating COVID-19's spread, including:

- Vigorous hand washing.
- Wearing a mask.
- Avoidance of facial touching.
- Sneezing or coughing into cloths or elbows.
- Social distancing from crowds.

• Isolating when exhibiting signs of illness.

If you suspect you have been in contact with someone infected or you are experiencing symptoms, you are encouraged to stay home and avoid contact with others. The federal government has identified the elderly and chronically ill as those most at-risk of contracting the virus, but no one is totally safe.

For more information on the Coronavirus, including symptoms, treatments and outbreak updates, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <u>www.cdc.gov</u>. For regular updates, visit <u>www.facebook.com/fcema911</u> or <u>www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx</u>.

To learn more about Fayette County, visit <u>www.FayetteCountyPA.org.</u>

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