

## **Situation (Coronavirus (COVID-19)) Summary for Borough of Dupont, Pennsylvania**

- Please scroll down to view additional informational details.

**The Borough of Dupont, Pennsylvania is currently under a State of Emergency Declaration as of March 16, 2020.**

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### **Highlights:**

#### **Borough council meeting held March 19, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.**

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FURTHER, the Council of the Borough of Dupont have provided information to employees and have put in place guidelines and actions to alleviate the effects of this disaster.

#### **Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry – News Release**

ALL NON-LIFE-SUSTAINING BUSINESSES IN PENNSYLVANIA TO CLOSE PHYSICAL LOCATIONS AS OF 8 PM TODAY TO SLOW SPREAD OF COVID-19.

Wolf Administration Orders Closure of Non-Life-Sustaining Businesses at 8 p.m. March 19. Enforcement Actions for Restaurant, Bar Dine-In Closure Began at 8 p.m., March 18. Enforcement Actions for Non-Compliance will Begin at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, March 21.

## Status and Availability of Current Borough Resources

- Fire Department – Operational / Available / Restricted Public Building Access  
[Dupont Volunteer Hose Company No. 1](#)
- Law Enforcement – Operational / Available / Restricted Public Building Access  
[Dupont Police Department](#)
- Emergency Medical Services – Operational / Available / Restricted Public Building Access  
[Avoca Ambulance Association](#)
- Borough Offices and Public Works – Operational / Available / Restricted Public Building Access  
Dupont Borough Offices

## Current State Level Situation Information

[PA State Health Department:](#) Current status of situation at STATE and COUNTY levels.

## Local Business and Organization Status Information

- We encourage people to personally reach out to local businesses and organizations to obtain latest operational and availability status.

We are aware that many businesses and organizations are aggressively following state and federal suggested guidelines. Many of these businesses and organizations are going further by implementing methods to best provide continued delivery of services to our community during this situation.

Please continue to monitor local business and organization informational sources, such as the internet and social media for updated information.

Due to the continuous real-time changing of status and events, no content posting of community businesses and organizations status is currently planned at this time on this site.

**We STRONGLY encourage everyone to regularly monitor legitimate information outlets, and to PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION with individuals who may not have regular access to digital / internet type media during this situation.**

## **Declaration of Disaster Emergency – 16 March 2020 – 18:00 HRS**

The mayor of Dupont Borough, Pennsylvania, and in absence of the mayor, council chairman, has issued a disaster emergency declaration today, March 16, 2020, effective at 6 p.m. This creates a state of emergency for the Borough of Dupont, Pennsylvania. The declaration provides the mayor along with other borough officials with tools necessary to protect the public health and safety of the borough. The mayor has authority to issue a disaster emergency declaration for a period of up to 7 days. To be effective for more than 7 days, the declaration must be confirmed and extended by the borough council. A meeting of local borough officials will include a discussion and request to extended the declaration at a Thursday, March 19, 2020, 6:00 P.M. council meeting, at the Dupont Borough Municipal building, 600 Chestnut Street. A state of emergency is a situation in which a government is empowered to perform actions or impose policies that it would normally not be permitted to undertake. A government can declare such a state during a natural disaster, medical pandemics/epidemics, or civil unrest. Such declarations alert citizens to change their normal behavior and orders government agencies to implement emergency plans. Although alarming and reserved for serious situations, a declaration has important technical ramifications, such as easing a municipality or state's access to federal aid. As stated in the declaration, the Borough of Dupont faces an imminent threat to life and public health resulting from the coronavirus and the resulting COVID-19 disease. This worldwide pandemic has created the potential for significant risk to the safety and welfare of the community. The borough believes timely action will help to minimize the impact to the community.

Borough officials are asking any potential public attendees to be aware of, and to follow local, state and federal guidelines at this time for gathering of personnel in numbers. Minutes of the meeting will be made available, and then posted to the borough internet web page at: **[www.dupontpa.us](http://www.dupontpa.us)** .

Public interests are strongly encouraged to utilize the web page resource for meeting information in place of visiting the borough building at this time, or calling the borough offices at 570-655-6216.

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## **DUPONT BOROUGH RESTRICTS ACCESS TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS BEGINNING MONDAY MARCH 16, 2020.**

The locations listed below will have restricted access beginning Monday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m., pursuant to an emergency declaration issued by Council President Stanley Knick Jr.:

- Municipal Borough Building, 600 Chestnut Street
- Public Works Garage, 150 Commerce Road
- Community Park at Elm and Walnut Streets
- Public Basketball Court at Hemlock and Walnut Streets

Dupont Borough government will continue normal operations, and those seeking to do public business may telephone the Borough Building at 5706556216 ext. 101 and may mail payments and correspondence to the Borough Building, 600 Chestnut Street, Dupont, PA 18641.

For emergencies, as always, call 911. The non-emergency number for the Dupont Police is 570-654-9971 Please check the Borough website for updates at [www.dupont.pa.us](http://www.dupont.pa.us)

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## **CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION:**

Officials within the Borough of Dupont continue to monitor the coronavirus situation, and we are following recommendations set forth by multiple sources including any federal, state, and local area resources and information outlets.

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All borough services remain fully operational and emergency management plans are being reviewed and discussed for any situations that may arise involving this constant changing situation.

- ***In place of personal visits, we are requesting residents to CALL borough offices concerning business/residential/community affairs. Offices will attempt to make accommodations accordingly as needed. Borough Offices: 570-655-6216***
- ***We are also aware organizations and businesses within the community are doing their part in similar fashion to minimize any situations. We encourage continued aggressiveness by all with pro-active, positive actions towards this situation. Please maintain an informational awareness of local organizations and businesses activities during this event.***

Some basic information on the coronavirus:

- **WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS?** Referred to as (COVID-19) is a virus that causes respiratory illness and can spread person to person.
- **WHAT ARE SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS?** These can include fever, cough, shortness of breath and can appear in as few as 2 days to as many as 14 days after exposure.
- **WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND OUR COMMUNITY?**

Most important, utilize COMMON SENSE! The best, FREE, renewable resource available!

Regularly washing your hands with soap and water or by using a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content; Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; If you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth with a tissue and then throw the tissue away; Stay home if sick; Avoid contact with people who are sick; Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces with a household cleaner; stay up to date on vaccinations.

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Please watch out for and ensure our elderly residents are aware of the additional importance needed during this situation, as they may be more susceptible.

We will continue to monitor events, and act on guidance accordingly as this situation evolves.

Below are informational internet sites/links and resources with information pertaining to the CORONAVIRUS situation.

**CDC Situation Summary:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/summary.html>

**PA State Health Department:**

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

**Federal:**

<https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus>

**Luzerne County:**

<https://www.luzernecounty.org/1262/Coronavirus-COVID-19-Information>

**Luzerne County Emergency Management Agency-EMA:**

<https://www.luzernecounty.org/191/Emergency-Management>

**Swift Alert 911:** <https://portalv4.swiftreach.com/PORTAL.ASPX?C=201945>

**Avoca Ambulance Association:**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Emergency-Rescue-Service/Avoca-AmbulanceAssociation124564220962720/>

**Dupont Volunteer Fire Department:**

<https://www.facebook.com/DupontVolunteerFireDepartment/>

**Dupont Borough Police Department**

<https://www.facebook.com/DupontBoroughPd/>

## **Status and Availability of Current Borough Resources**

The Borough of Dupont is prepared to respond to protect residents, visitors and businesses in the event of emergency situations.

The borough utilizes an all-volunteer fire department staffed with a dedicated membership of firefighters and EMTs, trained to respond to emergency situations. Mutual aid emergency organizations from adjoining communities are also available to augment local resources.

The Dupont Police Department provides full-time police protection.

Residences within the Borough of Dupont maintain membership with the Avoca Ambulance Association, providing 24/7 emergency medical services coverage to the community.

The Dupont Public Works Department is prepared to respond to weather events such as winter storms and storm flooding, and available to assist other agencies as required.

Mayor of the Borough of Dupont Pennsylvania, Dan Lello, holds the authority to declare a borough wide state of emergency when needed, *as per borough code section 1028 (1) (b), and/or pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 PA C.S.A.). In absence of the mayor, the council chairman will hold the authority.*

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