

June 13, 2020

RE: Consideration towards expiration of current emergency declaration status

- Borough of Dupont, Pennsylvania, Luzerne County
- EXPIRATION OF DECLARATION

The borough was under a state of emergency declaration that was originally issued on March 16, 2020, at 6:00 PM, due to the on-going COVID-19 situation.

This borough status has been extended several times, and has since expired on June 13, 2020.

A declaration as such should not extend beyond 90 days, as per Pennsylvania Emergency Management Guidelines.

The commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the direction of governor Tom Wolf, has begun, and is in process, of moving specific counties into 'phases' of operation, with the health, safety, and COVID-19 status playing a critical part in each decision.

On May 29, 2020, Luzerne county has since moved from a 'red' to a 'yellow' phase status, meaning in short, many restrictions within a 'red' phase status, have been lifted as to allow more interaction within the county, and in turn, the borough of Dupont.

Luzerne county is following Pennsylvania state guidelines, and in turn forwarding results and status to local municipalities within the county as needed, including the borough of Dupont.

Given the results and actions by both county and state directives, the current county level phase status of 'YELLOW' shows only a POSITIVE movement towards the least restrictive phase of 'GREEN', hopefully in the near future.

The borough of Dupont HAS BEEN and IS continuing to follow guidance from county, state, and federal resources regarding control and operations during the COVID-19 situation, as to be part of a vital role within the commonwealth to ensure county movement towards a less restrictive phase of 'GREEN'.

A general awareness survey amongst area businesses and residents is showing the borough as a whole is aggressively doing its part to ensure the health and safety of everyone during this COVID-19 situation, and is expected to continue otherwise until additional guidance is received.

The borough of Dupont at this time does not foresee the need to maintain the local level emergency declared status beyond June 13, 2020, and may allow the current status to 'expire', without further action. In such a case, announcements of such actions will be advertised accordingly to inform the public. The municipality as a whole, including all residents and businesses, are aggressively adhering to state mandates and guidance as per the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Currently, there is no immediate requirement for borough officials to enforce guidance beyond what is currently received from the commonwealth.

In the event the expiration occurs with NO follow-up of a renewed declaration, **the CURRENT borough COVID-19 guideline status will be MAINTAINED**, and continued adherence of current county, state, and federal COVID-19 guidance will be maintained, AND ENFORCED.

Actions, such as reopening of public facilities and public interaction in general will still be guided by county, state and federal guidelines. The expiration of the LOCAL emergency declaration does NOT change the borough current status of ANY public facilities at this time, as restrictions will continue to be enforced. Announcements of any such access changes will be made accordingly, as the borough hopefully moves through the less restrictive phases of operation as per the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In reference to the current LOCAL status of the Borough of Dupont, the mayor of the Borough of Dupont is the governing official that provides the decision towards implementation of such declarations and status.

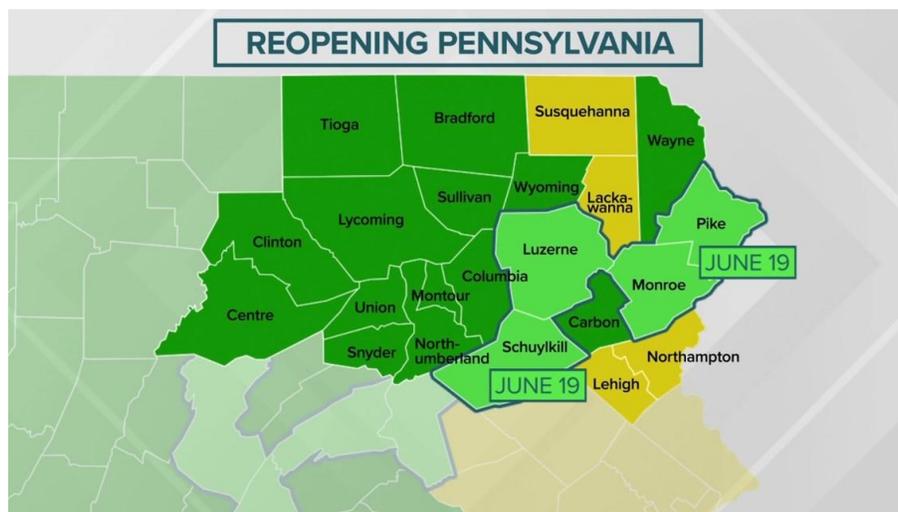
In the event another declaration of emergency is required, a special council meeting session will be advertised for the purpose, and actions executed as required. The public will be informed accordingly in the case of such an event occurs.

A courtesy call was made to the Luzerne County Emergency Management agency by borough emergency management, and briefly discussed was the current, and any possible changes, to local borough status.

NOTES / REFERENCE:

[Governor Tom Wolf announced that eight more counties will move to the green phase of reopening from the COVID-19 pandemic at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, June 19. These counties include Dauphin, Franklin, Huntingdon, Luzerne, Monroe, Perry, Pike, and Schuylkill.](#)

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-eight-more-counties-going-green-on-june-19/>



COVID-19 REOPENING PHASES		
	WORK & CONGREGATE SETTINGS	SOCIAL SETTINGS
RED PHASE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIFE-SUSTAINING BUSINESSES ONLY • RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR PRISON + CONGREGATE CARE • SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION • MOST CHILD CARE CLOSED 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAY AT HOME ORDERED • LARGE GATHERINGS PROHIBITED • RESTAURANTS/BARS LIMITED TO CARRY-OUT + DELIVERY • ONLY TRAVEL FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING PURPOSES
YELLOW PHASE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TELEWORK MUST CONTINUE WHERE FEASIBLE • BUSINESSES WITH IN-PERSON OPERATIONS MUST FOLLOW SAFETY ORDERS • CHILD CARE OPEN COMPLYING WITH GUIDANCE • RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR PRISON + CONGREGATE CARE • SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAY AT HOME ORDER LIFTED FOR AGGRESSIVE MITIGATION • LARGE GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN 25 PROHIBITED • IN-PERSON RETAIL ALLOWED CURBSIDE/DELIVERY PREFERRED • INDOOR RECREATION, HEALTH AND WELLNESS FACILITIES (SUCH AS GYMS, SPAS, HAIR SALONS, NAIL SALONS AND OTHER ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE MASSAGE THERAPY), AND ALL ENTERTAINMENT (SUCH AS CASINOS, THEATERS) REMAIN CLOSED • RESTAURANTS/BARS LIMITED TO CARRY-OUT + DELIVERY
GREEN PHASE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL BUSINESSES MUST FOLLOW CDC AND PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGGRESSIVE MITIGATION LIFTED • INDIVIDUALS MUST FOLLOW CDC AND PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES

Pennsylvania County Dashboard



Updated on 6/12/2020

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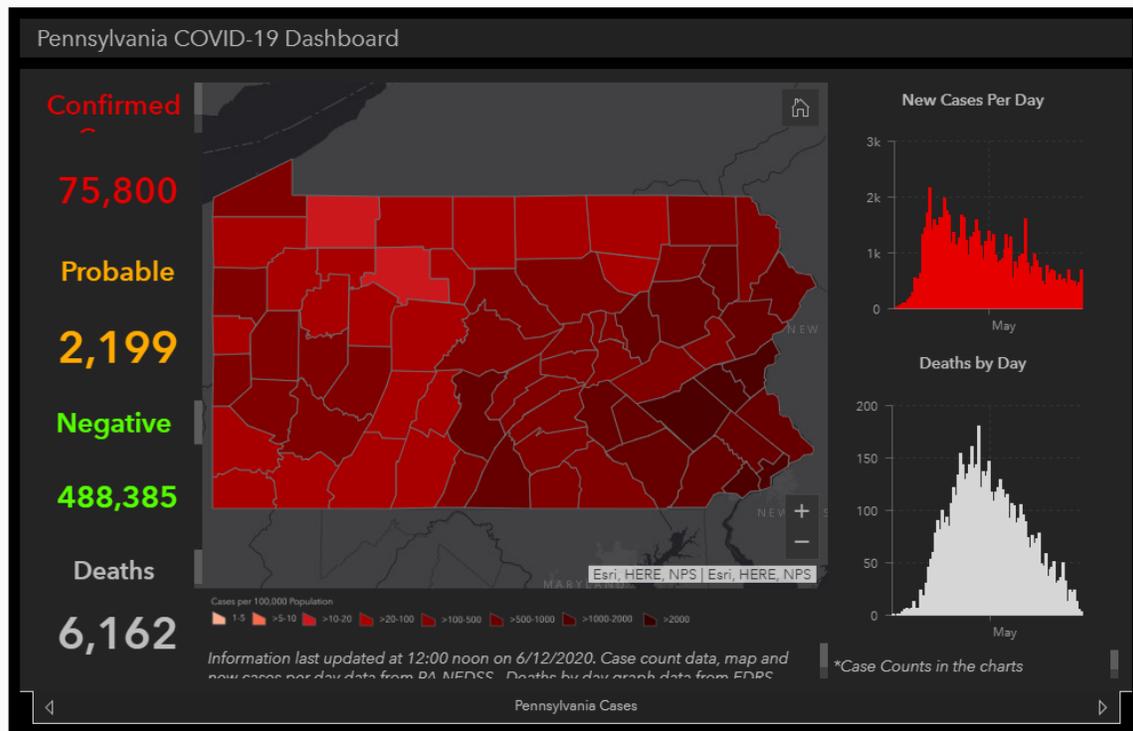
LUZERNE

County	Stable, decreasing, or low confirmed case counts, past 2 weeks compared to previous 2 weeks	Contacts of cases are being monitored	PCR positivity rate <10% in past 14 days	Hospital bed use is 90% or lower per district population	Metrics met	Status
LUZERNE	✓	✓	✓	✓	4/4	Turning green on 6/19/2020

Number of cases (preceding 2 weeks): 73

COVID-19 Data for Pennsylvania

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[Luzerne County State of Emergency Could End Soon After Recovery](#)

The county manager said that recovery made him question whether to sign a renewal of the state of emergency he declared March 15, after the state Health Department reported the first known case of coronavirus in the county.

(TNS) — Luzerne County will remain under a state of emergency for the rest of this week — but probably not much longer, county Manager David Pedri said Tuesday.

An emergency declaration expires after five days unless it is renewed, according to the county charter. Pedri, who as county manager is authorized by the charter to declare a state of emergency, has renewed the emergency declaration 17 times. The declaration in effect now expires Saturday.

<https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/Luzerne-County-State-of-Emergency-Could-End-Soon-After-Recovery-.html>

[In party-line vote, Pa. Senate panel votes to end Wolf's COVID-19 emergency declaration](#)

[As calls mounted in the state Capitol for lawmakers to reform Pennsylvania's policing tactics and oversight, a Senate committee advanced a measure Monday to terminate the state's emergency declaration for COVID-19.](#)

Democrats further said that ending Pennsylvania's emergency declaration now would jeopardize the state's eligibility for federal relief funding.

Mastriano said he received personal assurances from the White House that the state would still qualify for federal relief funds if it terminated its emergency declaration.

But Democrats such as Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Allegheny, said they would not vote for the measure until those assurances were in writing.

The resolution can now advance to the full Senate for a floor vote.

<https://www.penncapital-star.com/blog/in-party-line-vote-pa-senate-panel-votes-to-end-wolfs-covid-19-emergency-declaration/>

Green Phase**Work & Congregate Setting Restrictions**

- Continued Telework Strongly Encouraged
- Businesses with In-Person Operations Must Follow Updated
- All Businesses Operating at 50% Occupancy in the Yellow Phase May Increase to 75% Occupancy
- Child Care May Open Complying with Guidance
- Congregate Care Restrictions in Place
- Prison and Hospital Restrictions Determined by Individual Facilities and Commonwealth Guidance

Social Restrictions

- Large Gatherings of More Than 250 Prohibited
- Restaurants and Bars Open at 50% Occupancy
- Personal Care Services (including hair salons and barbershops) Open at 50% Occupancy and by Appointment Only
- Indoor Recreation, Health and Wellness Facilities, and Personal Care Services (such as gyms and spas) Open at 50% Occupancy with Appointments Strongly Encouraged
- All Entertainment (such as casinos, theaters, and shopping malls) Open at 50% Occupancy
- Construction Activity May Return to Full Capacity with Continued Implementation of Protocols
- All businesses must follow CDC and DOH guidance for social distancing and cleaning
- Monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary

DUPONT BOROUGH RESTRICTS ACCESS TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS

BEGINNING MONDAY MARCH 16, 2020.

NOTE: Statewide face mask protection order shall take effect immediately and be enforceable as of 8:00 p.m. on April 19, 2020.

The locations listed below will have restricted access until further notified/announced:

- 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

Dupont Borough government will continue normal operations, and those seeking to do public business may telephone the Borough Building at 570-655-6216 ext. 101 and may mail payments and correspondence to the Borough Building, 600 Chestnut Street, Dupont, PA 18641.

- EMERGENCIES: Dial 911

NON-EMERGENCY – IF YOU REQUIRE THE POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE OR POLICE MATTERS, CALL 911 AND ASK FOR THE ON DUTY POLICE OFFICER OR FIRE CHIEF TO CONTACT YOU.

- ALL CALLS AS SUCH SHOULD BE DIRECTED THROUGH 911.
- BOROUGH BUILDING BUSINESS OFFICES – 570-655-6216

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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

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In light of the Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Public Health Safety Measures for Businesses Permitted to Maintain In-person Operations effective April 19, 2020, 8:00PM, and to provide critical protections for the workers needed to run and operate the Borough of Dupont local government, a memo has been released stating all visitors to buildings maintained and operated by the Borough of Dupont local government must wear a face mask or face covering while on the premises or you will be denied entry and access.

Acceptable forms of face coverings, specifically covering the nose and mouth areas, include cloth coverings, scarfs, or bandanas.

Social distancing guidelines are also in affect within the public properties of the Borough of Dupont.

Signage has been posted accordingly to assist with following COVID-19 state guidelines.

Internet/live streaming of council meetings will continue as available, and access towards any sessions will be posted on borough web page prior to any scheduled events.

Enforcement of limited gatherings of individuals within building(s) will be enforced.

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