

# A Message from Washington County

March 15, 2020

Washington County received word from the Pennsylvania Department of Health through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency that there is one presumptive positive COVID-19 in Washington County. They did not release any specific information about the patient's location or circumstances.

Washington County is closely monitoring all information from the PA Department of Health, CDC, and local sources regarding the CoVID-19 pandemic. We have met with stakeholders from local healthcare, first responder agencies, and municipalities and are frequently updating them with the latest information from state and federal partners.

Anyone who is experiencing flulike signs or symptoms should contact their primary care physician (PCP). If you do not have a primary care physician (PCP), please call the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) at 877-PA HEALTH (1-877-724-3258). Please do not go to the hospital without contacting your PCP or PADOH first, unless you are in severe respiratory distress. If that is the case, please contact your hospital first before going there.

We encourage all residents and businesses to follow the guidance being encouraged by the Department of Health and CDC to frequently wash your hands, limit social contact, and postpone large events. County government is taking measures to reduce person-to-person contact while maintaining the necessary functions of the county.