

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-6

CALLERY BOROUGH

BUTLER COUNTY

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF **CALLERY BOROUGH COUNTY OF BUTLER, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING THE CALL BY THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO JOIN WITH OUR MUNICIPAL, SCHOOL AND BUSINESS LEADERS TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN OUR COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, cases of COVID-19 are rising in not only Butler County but the entire region; and,

WHEREAS, the Butler County Board of Commissioners is calling upon municipal, educational and business leaders to join in comprehensive messaging to help inhibit the spread of this dangerous virus in our communities; and,

WHEREAS, working collaboratively we as a community can significantly inhibit the spread of this virus and help our schools to remain as open as possible and allow our health care facilities to continue to provide the level of services our communities have depended upon for many years; and,

WHEREAS, by all being collaborative in our approach as a community we can begin to see a decrease in active cases that could have a severe impact upon our families, friends and co-workers as well as the community at large, versus doing nothing and letting the virus spread unchecked; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **CALLERY BOROUGH** does hereby express in support of the following;

1. We encourage our residents to voluntarily take steps to stop the spread of the virus through basic measures such as hand washing, wearing a mask, practicing social distancing and staying home when they are feeling ill.
2. We ask our residents to avoid non-essential activities that put themselves and their friends, family and co-workers at risk.
3. Municipal Officials are directed to work collaboratively with the Butler County Board of Commissioners in their efforts to communicate with the residents and businesses.

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COUNTY LEADERS URGE RESIDENTS TO ACT NOW TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS TO PROTECT RESIDENTS AND INSTITUTIONS AND KEEP BUTLER COUNTY OPEN

BUTLER, PA --- County leaders in government, health care, business and education urgently call on residents to help slow the spread of COVID-19. With rapidly increasing COVID related hospital admissions and nursing home outbreaks, leaders are calling on the community for help.

According to Steven Bicehouse, Director of Emergency Management for Butler County, the County continues its weekly call with school districts, hospital officials, aging, human services and the Commissioners that have been underway since March. On this week's call, leaders overwhelmingly agreed that an urgent call to action was needed as institutions and businesses begin to see challenges in staffing. They agreed to join forces in an advertising and messaging campaign pleading with residents to wear a mask and avoid large gatherings or activities where masking and social distancing is not possible.

Their collective message is as follows:

WEAR YOUR MASK! AVOID LARGE GATHERINGS! BUTLER COUNTY FOUGHT HARD TO PROTECT OUR HEALTH SYSTEM, KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE IN SCHOOL, PROTECT OUR VULNERABLE SENIORS, AND KEEP OUR BUSINESSES OPEN AND OUR WORKFORCE HEALTHY! BUT WE ARE SEEING THE VIRUS GET AHEAD OF US. WE CAN'T STOP NOW! AGAIN, WEAR YOUR MASK. WASH YOUR HANDS. CLEAN SURFACES. KEEP 6 FEET APART. AVOID NON-CRITICAL ACTIVITIES WHERE SOCIAL DISTANCING OR MASKING IS NOT POSSIBLE. ONLY YOU CAN KEEP BUTLER COUNTY OPEN NOW!

The message highlights a growing concern that with the number of people either testing positive or having to quarantine because of exposure, staffing in institutions, schools and businesses is becoming a challenge. Leaders hope to avoid future widespread closures due to lack of staffing. Other challenges are related to league sports that are unaffiliated with schools. As schools limit sports activities while outside organizations continue to practice and play, the message and the goal of limiting quarantining and spread is hindered. The goal is to slow the spread by Thanksgiving so that schools can resume some level of in-person instruction and nursing homes may get outbreaks among vulnerable populations under control. The next several weeks are critical. Municipalities, school boards, health care organizations and businesses have been asked to join in the messaging campaign by adopting resolutions or sharing the message.

Nationwide, the level of transmission is rising. Officials recognize the virus fatigue that has led the community to let down its guard. They call on the community to take proactive measures voluntarily to avoid any mandatory interventions.