

RESOLUTION 2020 - 15

A RESOLUTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ENCOURAGING CITIZENS AND VISITORS OF THE COUNTY TO VOLUNTARILY COMPLY WITH COVID-MITIGATING MEASURES IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE SURGE IN COVID-19 CASES AND LIMIT THE IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ON FRANKLIN COUNTY RESIDENTS AND ITS HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS.

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump issued a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak on March 13, 2020 pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. §1602, et seq.) and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), finding and proclaiming that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tom Wolf issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, proclaiming the existence of a disaster emergency across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a result of the spread of coronavirus or COVID-19 on March 6, 2020, pursuant to Section 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7101, et seq., and renewed for a period of ninety days on June 3, 2020 and August 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners issued an Emergency Declaration, proclaiming the existence of a disaster emergency across the County of Franklin, due to the coronavirus pandemic, on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the "CDC") has evaluated and released studies demonstrating measures that can be taken by the public to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including proper hand-washing, hand-sanitizing, cleaning frequently touched surfaces regularly, and mask-wearing. The CDC also recommends limiting large gatherings and social distancing of at least six feet between individuals; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County is experiencing a surge in positive COVID-19 cases and deaths; and

WHEREAS, healthcare systems, including local hospitals, are near or at their maximum capacity and caring for a large percentage of COVID-positive patients, and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners desires to further encourage residents and visitors to help our community lower the substantial community spread of COVID-19 in Franklin County, thereby relieving the strain on our healthcare workers and healthcare centers

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County of Franklin, as follows:

SECTION 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated by reference thereto.

SECTION 2. The County of Franklin (the "County") hereby encourages residents of, and visitors to, the County to be vigilant in their efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, to include proper hand-washing, using hand-sanitizer, cleaning frequently touched surfaces regularly, wearing masks, maintaining a social distance of at least 6 feet, limiting large gatherings, and staying home when sick.

SECTION 3. The County further encourages businesses and organizations located within the County to undertake the same COVID-19 spread-mitigating measures and to urge patrons and customers of said businesses and organizations to do the same.


SECTION 4. The County further urges all employees, personnel, and staff of the County to voluntarily comply with these same efforts in order to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately this __9th__ day of December, 2020.

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



David S. Keller, Chairman



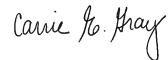
John T. Flannery, Commissioner



Robert G. Ziobrowski, Commissioner

CERTIFICATION

ATTEST



Carrie E. Gray
County Administrator/Chief Clerk

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