



Ross Township COVID-19 Update

Though no cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) have been reported in Western Pennsylvania, the Township of Ross is working to ensure the safety of all its residents and staff. We will be taking a proactive approach to challenges that may emerge as the situation develops. As acknowledged by the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) on March 11, “there is increasing evidence in the U.S., the state, and surrounding states indicating that local presumptive positive cases are likely to be detected in the near future.”

The Township’s Emergency Management Team has been in constant communication with the Board of Commissioners, Allegheny County Health Department, and the Township Manager in an effort to keep our community safe.

With this in mind, the Board of Commissioners has decided to close the Ross Township Community and Recreation Center at 4:30PM today, Friday, March 13, 2020. The Center will remain closed for at least 2 weeks. All public access to the building will be restricted and all classes, programming, events, and rentals will be cancelled. The Parks and Recreation staff is working diligently to inform and notify all affected parties. This will also include Evergreen Community Park rentals.

Residents, businesses, or others that need to reach the Township and its staff members should do so by phone or email. All Township staff, including police and public works, will be reporting to work during this closure. The main number to reach any Township department is 412-931-7055 and for the police department is 412-931-9070.

While closed, the entire Municipal Building will undergo a thorough, deep cleaning and sterilization. As a place where the public generally gathers, we feel this is a crucial first step in keeping our community safe.

One exception to this closure is that the Board of Commissioners Business Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020, will be held in the Boardroom. The public will not be permitted to access the Municipal Building until 6:45PM in order to attend the meeting. For our residents that plan to attend the meeting, please practice safe social-distancing measures for your safety and the safety of others. Hand sanitizer will be available and must be used by all that enter the Boardroom.

The COVID-19 outbreak is a developing situation. These policies may change in response to new information or updated best practice guidance from public health agencies. The Ross Township Emergency Management Team, Board of Commissioners, and staff are continuously monitoring developments and are working with other local agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control, the PA Department of Health, county health department, and the school district. The Township intends to follow the guidelines set forth by the state and federal government along with the Centers for Disease Control. We will continue to update our website, social media, and notifications frequently to provide the most up-to-date information.