Dear Rose Valley Borough Residents,

While Rose Valley Borough remains under a declared State of Emergency due to the ongoing presence of COVID-19, changes have been made to the Pennsylvania, and Delaware County pandemic response. During the past weekend Governor Wolf announced that he expects Delaware County, as well as other southeastern counties, to move from the current “Red” phase to the "Yellow phase" this coming June 5, 2020.

Yellow is the color of caution. During the yellow phase, our community will move forward with care to reopen safely, following a plan with the guidance of the CDC, and the Pennsylvania and Chester County Departments of Health. Pandemic data will continue to be monitored for any increases in the rate of spread and new COVID-19 cases.

Some restrictions on work and social interaction will ease while others, such as closures of schools, gyms, and other indoor recreation centers, hair and nail salons, as well as limitations around large gatherings, remain in place. Please see the Yellow graphic at the end of this update.

As of May 22, 2020, The Pennsylvania Department of Health has issued guidance to camp operators, public bathing places, part-day school age programs, and other entities for recreational activities during the summer months. Social distancing must be maintained at all programs in all locations. Frequently asked questions and guidance provides more information.

Certain pandemic response information remains the same: On April 3, 2020, Governor Wolf recommended that all Pennsylvanians wear a facemask when leaving their homes. As many people as possible should wear a nonmedical or homemade facemask to limit the spread of infectious droplets in the air by containing coughs and sneezes. Check here for some instructions to make a homemade mask.

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If you have specific questions about COVID-19, you can call 610-344-6225 and follow the phone prompts. Staff are on site 7 days a week from 8:30am-4:30pm answering questions. After hours you can be connected to the Greater Philadelphia Coronavirus Helpline which is staffed 24/7.

Essential and Non-Essential Businesses  
(Updated May 11, 2020)

Report potential exposure to COVID-19

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**STATUS OF ROSE VALLEY BOROUGH FACILITIES AND SERVICES:**

the Borough Office (610-566-2040) with any questions or for information on permits, tax payments, or other services that are usually done in person. You may need to leave a message and wait for a return call.

- **Rose Valley Borough Council** - Check the Borough website regarding future meetings.
- **Trash and Recycling Collection** – Following the normal schedules.
- **Environmental Advisory Council** – Check the Borough website regarding future meetings.
- **Police** – The Borough is covered by the Pennsylvania State Police. Their direct line is 484-840-1000.
- **Parks and Woodlands** – Open, with the following guidance:
  - Wear a face mask when on the trails and maintain social distancing.
  - Do not visit if you have COVID-19 symptoms.
  - The use of playgrounds and equipment, and multi-player games should be avoided.
- **The Hedgerow Theatre** – Productions postponed. Check the theatre website for updates.
- **The Helen Kate Furness Library** – Closed. Please check the library website for updates.
- **South Media and Garden City Fire Companies** – Buildings are closed to non-members and non-essential members. Check the companies’ Facebook pages for more information.
- **Rose Valley Boy Scout Troop** – Meetings canceled. See Scout Food Drive on Rose Valley Website.

**TIPS TO KEEP YOURSELF HEALTHY AND FIGHT THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE:**

- Wear a facemask when leaving your home.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze with your elbow.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Avoid hand shaking.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Clean surfaces frequently, including countertops, light switches, cell phones, remotes, and other frequently touched items.
- Practice “Social Distancing,” staying at least 6 feet apart from the next person. Avoid public gatherings; avoid in-person services of any nature during the pandemic.
- Be Wary of False Rumors and Disinformation. Heed only official government and reputable news sources.

**TESTING:** For up-to-date testing information call the Pennsylvania Health Department at 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258). *SEE the PA Dept. of Health Chart at the end of this message.*

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS:**

- Contact your primary healthcare provider (PCP), local health system, or the PA Health Department (1-877-PA-HEALTH).
    - The Emergency room may be reached at 610-447-2188.
  - Main Line Health’s Riddle Memorial Hospital may be reached at 1-866-225-5654.
- **EMERGENCY ROOM USE:** Please reserve emergency department visits related to suspected COVID-19 for severe symptoms such as shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, inability to eat or drink, or inability to care for oneself. For severe or life-threatening symptoms contact the 911 emergency hotline.
Websites for more information on COVID-19:

Delaware County Coronavirus: https://www.delcopa.gov/ich/resources/coronavirus.html
Chester County Coronavirus: https://www.chesco.org/4376/Coronavirus-COVID-19?fbclid=IwAR0xS28zqcV5bVxZhK--FNBeYxdk2CpBOY3bM4lVEg5JCClIqxC3Kt7_DM

Yellow phased reopening of Pennsylvania, and Delaware county:


PA Dept. of Health, Translated Materials:
https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Translated.aspx

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), overview:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Schools, Workplaces, & Community Locations:

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Southeast Region
Moving from Red to Yellow on June 5
(Schuylkill County moved to Yellow May 19)

Work & Congregate Setting Restrictions:
- Telework Must Continue Where Feasible;
- Businesses with In-Person Operations Must Follow Business and Building Safety Orders;
- Child Care Open Complying with Guidance;
- Congregate Care and Prison Restrictions in Place;
- Schools Remain Closed for In-Person Instruction.

Social Restrictions:
- Stay at Home Restrictions Lifted in Favor of Aggressive Mitigation;
- Large Gatherings of More Than 25 Prohibited;
- In-Person Retail Allowable, Curbside and Delivery Preferable;
- Indoor Recreation, Health and Wellness Facilities (such as gyms, spas, hair salons, nail salons), and all Entertainment (such as casinos, theaters) Remain Closed;
- Restaurants and Bars Limited to Carry-Out and Delivery Only.

- All businesses must follow CDC and DOH guidance for social distancing and cleaning.
- Monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary.