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A Message to our Citizens:

Our county has been monitoring developments with COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus). When responding to an infectious disease, our county closely follows the recommendations made by our state and county health department. We also monitor and follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention plus the World Health Organization. As you are aware, Coronavirus is a virus that can cause respiratory problems. Symptoms include fever, cough and difficulty breathing. The virus is spread similar to the flu by coughing and sneezing. Symptoms may appear between 2 to 14 days after exposure.

County staff are taking necessary steps to prepare for the potential spread of Coronavirus. Prevention is a priority. During this time, residents and visitors will be able to access county services; however, we stress the following:

- Take advantage of our online services by visiting [www.westmoreland-county.org](http://www.westmoreland-county.org).
- Determine if your service or request is essential or whether it can be postponed.
- If you are sick, especially if you are showing signs and symptoms of COVID-19, please do not come to any county facility.
- Continue to exercise proper handwashing with soap and other preventative actions such as covering coughs with a tissue, sneezing into elbow, avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth and practicing social distancing. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces at home.

Please know that the County will continue to monitor this evolving situation. Our first priority is the safety and health of everyone in our community.

Sincerely,

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Darryl E. Fisher
Chairman, Westmoreland County
Board of Supervisors