A message from Borough of West Chester Mayor Dianne Herrin to students

March 16, 2020

To Off Campus and Commuter Students:

As a reminder, although students are engaging in online coursework, the spread of the COVID-19 remains a critical priority. WCU, our State, and Federal Government leaders are working together to protect the health and safety of all WCU students, faculty, staff, and residents of our Borough.

On March 15, 2020 Governor Wolf signed the Pennsylvania Health Right to Privacy Act, which allows individuals to opt out of the contact tracing process. The Governor also directed the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to adopt rules implementing the PA Right to Privacy Act.

What preventative measures has West Chester Borough taken?

- The following types of businesses, according to the Pennsylvania Governor’s Executive Order #61, will be closed or restricted: Bars, restaurants, cafes, and entertainment venues; non-essential retail facilities, including shopping malls and non-perishable food (including items for pets) and cleaning sprays or wipes. We are not expected to see the re-opening of these businesses this semester.
- The Borough of West Chester Municipal Building will be closed to the public for the next 30 days. Free parking will be available.
- Rental inspections are suspended at least for the next two weeks.
- Municipal Services will continue as follows:
  - Police patrol and emergency services will respond.
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As stated by the US Department of Health, PA Department of Health, and the Chester County Health Department, residents are encouraged to sign up for alerts. Sign up for alerts here: https://www.readychesco.org/

Whether you are away for a quick trip and/or the remainder of the semester, it is always recommended that you inform your neighbors and/or property owner/manager if you will not be returning to your rental property.

If I do not return to my rental property, will my rental be safe?

Yes, rental inspections are suspended at least for the next two weeks. The lawyer will be meeting virtually throughout the semester. If your student has chosen to stay in their off-campus residence or has been granted an exemption to remain in on-campus housing, please reach out to ensure that they are following all the necessary steps.

Does social distancing impact social gatherings?

On March 13, PA Governor Wolf directed all bars and restaurants to close for 30 days, and directs the following businesses to close for 30 days:

- Non-essential retail facilities, including shopping malls
- Restaurants
- Cafes
- Entertainment venues
- Non-perishable food and cleaning sprays or wipes

The Borough has enacted policies to close non-essential businesses and non-perishable food and cleaning sprays or wipes. The Borough has also enacted policies to close non-essential retail facilities and non-perishable food and cleaning sprays or wipes.

Due to Governor Wolf’s Executive Order #61, all bars and restaurants are closed for the next 30 days.

If your student has chosen to remain in on-campus housing, please reach out to ensure that they are following all the necessary steps. If your student has chosen to stay in their off-campus residence or has been granted an exemption to remain in on-campus housing, please reach out to ensure that they are following all the necessary steps.

If a student is sick or feels ill, they should call their personal health care provider and/or 911.

Contact the Health Center before coming in for specific reasons only. Please visit the https://www.wcupa.edu/healthNotices/faqs.aspx page for the complete list. We ask that you wear a mask in all health facilities.

In the event that you need to be around other people and are experiencing symptoms, the CDC recommends wearing a facemask.

Wearing a facemask is helpful for keeping your germs away from others. In addition, the Borough has enacted additional policies:

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What preventative measures are being implemented in Pennsylvania per the Governor’s Executive Order #61?

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What preventative measures are being implemented in West Chester Borough per the Mayor’s Order #3?

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If you are returning to your dormitory, you must complete the following:

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- Clean any surfaces and objects used by others in the household frequently, using regular cleaning sprays or wipes.
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Free parking will be available during 8am-5pm.

What preventative measures are being implemented in Chester County per the Mayor’s Order #3?

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What preventative measures are being implemented by the PA Department of Health per the Governor’s Executive Order #61?

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