



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: MARCH 13, **2020**

Dear Pittston Residents:

The City of Pittston's administrative leadership team and our local government Emergency Management Agency continue to closely monitor the coronavirus situation, and we are following all recommendations set forth by the PA Department of Health and the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Infection. All city services remain fully operational and emergency management plans are in place for any situations that may arise.

Here is some basic information on the coronavirus:

- **WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS?** First identified during an outbreak in China, the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a virus that causes respiratory illness and can spread person to person.
- **WHAT ARE SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS?** These can include fever, cough, shortness of breath and can appear in as few as 2 days to as many as 14 days after exposure.
- **WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND OUR COMMUNITY?** Regularly washing your hands with soap and water or by using a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content; Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; If you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth with a tissue and then throw the tissue away; Stay home if sick; Avoid contact with people who are sick; Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces with a household cleaner; stay up to date on vaccinations.

- **CONTACT YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER** if you have been in close contact with a person known to have **COVID-19** or have recently traveled to or through a place known to have an outbreak.

The best resources to keep informed and up to date are the special coronavirus pages on the websites of the **PA Department of Health** at:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

and the **Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

The City of Pittston will continue to proactively monitor this situation and will strive to keep our residents informed and safe.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Hon. Michael A. Lombardo
Mayor