
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: AREA MEDIA
FROM: PHIL LUCAS
SUBJECT: MIFFLIN COUNTY PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY
DATE: 3/12/2020

In order to support area Healthcare Institutions, Emergency Responders and to be better prepared to manage the evolving Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic as declared by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), the Mifflin County Commissioners have approved a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency.

There are no current reports of Patients Under Investigation (PUI), Suspected or Confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Mifflin County.

The purpose of this Disaster Emergency is to support our Healthcare Providers so they may better protect and treat our residents. This Disaster Emergency will also allow for better access to medical supplies and to allow necessary changes in policies and procedures as we are faced with limitations in medical supplies.

Members of the public should refrain from making panic purchases which only complicate the healthcare systems' ability to provide care to those in need from the public.

The public should focus their efforts on general safety actions as recommended by the CDC:

- **Take [everyday preventive actions](#) to stay healthy.**
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Follow [public health advice](#) regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.**

- **Stay informed.** CDC's [COVID-19 Situation Summary](#) will be updated regularly as information becomes available.

Mifflin County will periodically post information to our website (www.mifflinco.org) or the public safety facebook page but the best source of information is the CDC's webpage @ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

The full text of the Mifflin County Proclamation of Disaster Emergency will be available Friday, March 13th.