



LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

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Business owners,

This has been a difficult week for many of us as we adjust to conditions that change daily. The township has been in regular contact with the county health officials in our efforts to keep the community safe. We wanted to be sure you had the latest guidance from the county on slowing down the spread of the virus. We are in regular contact with our state and federal representatives and health agencies.

Please visit the LowerProvidence.org website or our official Facebook page for local information and the county Covid-19 site www.montcopa.org/Covid-19.

Pennsylvania Governor Wolf and Montgomery County Commissioner Arkoosh have both encouraged the closing of non-essential businesses. The decision to close your business, particularly in times of uncertainty, is one that is not taken lightly. Please recognize that this is not mandatory but is encouraged.

If you do choose to stay open, we ask that you closely follow guidelines to keep your employees and the public safe. A summary recommended by the county is below, for the full detail visit this site.

<https://data-montcopa.opendata.arcgis.com/pages/covid-19-business>

- Consider extending allowances for sick leave to employees. Encourage and support employees who use sick time as well as ensuring that those who appear symptomatic while at work go home and contact the appropriate medical provider about testing.
- Enact policies and work schedules that minimize exposure and risk, particularly to those employees with a higher risk of complications from COVID-19 infection.
- Enact policies that support employees who need to be isolated or quarantined after exposure.
- Additionally, adopt behaviors and encourage employees to maintain high standards of workplace & workspace cleanliness as well as "social distancing" behavior.

I have included links to their websites and the Small Business Administration website for your own perusal.

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-sec-of-health-pa-chamber-outline-covid-19-mitigation-guidance-for-pennsylvania-schools-businesses-and-additional-closures-in-delaware-county/>

<https://data-montcopa.opendata.arcgis.com/pages/covid-19-business>

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs>

I would be happy to speak with any of you to discuss this important decision.

Respectfully,

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