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## **BUTLER COUNTY RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

Butler County has had a comprehensive Pandemic plan in place since 2007. It was developed in conjunction with The Department of Health and local Health officials. This plan addresses potential long term impacts to County residents and businesses as well as surge to Medical facilities. As the pandemic evolves, so will our plan.

Butler County Emergency Management will maintain regular contact with Public Health Officials, Butler Hospital and other health care providers, along with School Superintendents and Nurses to discuss official updates and coordinate any needed response.

### Points to remember

1. It is an airborne virus that is spread by humans just like a flu or cold virus. Close personal contact, coughing, sneezing, touching, shaking hands or touching infected surfaces are all ways it is spread.
2. Symptoms include: Fever, Cough and Shortness of Breath and can appear in as few as 2 days to as long as 14 days.

### Things you can do:

1. Cover any sneezes or coughs with your elbow. Try not to use your hands
2. Clean surfaces frequently
3. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol based sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
4. If you are sick, stay home until you are feeling better. There is no treatment for the virus, only treatment for symptoms
5. Monitor reliable media sources for accurate information such as the CDC, or Pennsylvania Department of Health.
6. If there are confirmed cases in the area, avoid large gatherings.

For more information see <https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19>.