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STATEWIDE STAY AT HOME ORDER IN EFFECT FOR PENNSYLVANIA

Uniontown, PA – In an attempt to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our communities, Gov. Tom Wolf issued a statewide Stay at Home Order Wednesday afternoon, adding Fayette to the list of counties already under restriction.

The order takes effect at 8 p.m. tonight and is slated to last through at least April 30. In Wolf's address, he said that although 30 days seems like "a long time to not see our friends and family," not implementing these extreme measures could mean there will be people we "never see again," as the death toll continues to mount nationwide.

Under the Stay at Home Order, Fayette County citizens may only leave their homes for specific, essential activities, as outlined on Wolf's website, www.governor.pa.gov.

As of Wednesday, the state Department of Health confirmed 14 positive COVID-19 cases in Fayette County, as well as our first virus-related death.

To the north, Fayette borders counties with more diagnosed cases of the Coronavirus than we currently have, and those counties were previously put under the order. To the south, our county borders Maryland and West Virginia, two states that have already instituted statewide shelter-in-place efforts.

Mayor Bill Gerke is advising everyone in the City of Uniontown to follow the Governor's Office as they have the Medical Community Advising them. Please remember to continue washing your hands and listen to the professionals. "It is my hope that these measures will help us get back to normal."

On Monday, U.S. President Donald Trump approved Wolf's major disaster declaration, extending statewide school and nonessential business closures indefinitely. The disaster order allows for federal assistance to supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in areas affected by COVID-19.

For more information on COVID-19, including symptoms, treatments and outbreak updates, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov. For regular updates, visit www.facebook.com/fcema911 or www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx.

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