



## **CITY OF COATESVILLE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – MARCH 20, 2020**

### **COVID-19 – CITY OF COATESVILLE **UPDATE****

As we continue to monitor the updates from our county and state officials, we are recommending that Coatesville residents continue to practice good social distancing to prevent community spread. Remember the tips:

1. Maintain social distancing
2. Clean and disinfect your house often
3. Clean and disinfect frequently touched areas including: door handles, counter tops, light switches, hand rails, bags, and shoes.
4. Wash hands frequently
5. Avoiding large crowds and restaurants

As challenging as some of these recommendations may seem, they are needed to stem the rising number of cases throughout the city, county and state. COVID-19 poses a serious threat to our quality of life, health, safety, and economy, but we will continue to fight, support, and educate our residents on day-to-day news and helpful tips.

**This is a critical time for us all, and it is also the best time to show everyone how resilient Coatesville 19320 really is! But let's be clear, we all have to do our part to help one another remain healthy.**

The City of Coatesville's leadership and Council members are prepared to help combat this virus by doing our part to keep you informed and what we are doing to help protect you. Follow us on Facebook and our website to get city updates.

**Please see below for more information on City operations during this time.**



**City Hall Operations \*General # 610-384-0300**

Effective immediately, we are following the lead of the State as well as that of Chester County and activating an essential employee only operation for the next several weeks due to COVID-19. The city operations will be closed to the public and all meetings cancelled until further notice. The city will be operating at minimal staffing level and non-essential personnel will work remotely when feasible. The city officials will continue to monitor the situation and make changes to this policy as needed.

**Keystone Update/Real Estate Taxes – The March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Keystone visit to City Hall has been cancelled. Please pay on-line or mail to the address on your invoice. Remember, to get the 2% discount, payments must be postmarked by March 31.**

**Solid Waste Fees** – 2019 delinquent solid waste fees are due by March 27, 2020. Either mail to One City Hall, Coatesville, PA 19320 or use the city drop box located inside the City Police Department entrance. Checks or Money Orders only – NO CASH, and please make sure the property address being paid in included. The drop box is accessible 24 hours a day, every day. Also note, employees working at the Police Department window are not allowed to handle your payments. If you would like a receipt for your payment, please leave a note in your envelope as well as a self-addressed envelope. Please understand that payment processing will be delayed over the next few weeks; we will do the best we can to process promptly.

**Rental Inspections and Registrations** – **Pending new regulations:** Rental Inspections are suspended until further notice. Please contact the Code enforcement Department for updates (610-679-6064). LTL Consultants will work with the city to address emergency housing when special conditions are confirmed and warranted to the city. Rental License registrations are to be paid on the annual schedule and will not change. This includes ensuring you have addressed any delinquent Real Estate Taxes with the County and delinquent 2018 and older Solid Waste with Portnoff Law.

**Business Licenses** – Business License registrations will continue to be due on the annual schedule and will not change. For those of you who have not already paid, the licenses will be mailed in the next few days.

**Building Permits** – **New regulations:** Residential and commercial permit applications are suspended until further notice. Applications may be submitted via US Mail as well. The number of inspections will be limited through March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Zoning and Land Developments** – **New regulations:** The City will not accept any Land Development/Sub-Division applications or Zoning appeals until further notice. The April meetings of the Planning Commission and Zoning Heard Board are TBD.

**Public Works** – Our Public Works Department will continue to operate performing normal maintenance. All employees will follow recommended social distancing as well limiting any public interaction. We will respond to emergencies as needed.

**City Parks** – **ALL CITY PARKS WILL BE CLOSED** until further notice. **Please be advised, USE PARKS AT YOUR OWN CHOICE/DISCRETION!! Wash hands and enforce social distancing and community spread.**

**Police** –Police Department will OPERATE ON continue to respond to calls as normal while taking necessary steps to protect the health and safety of our officers and the public.

**Fire/EMS Services** – Our professional and volunteer fire companies, and their EMS teams will continue to respond to calls as normal, taking necessary steps to protect the health and safety of emergency personnel and the public.

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*We understand these are very challenging times. This will require cooperation and flexibility and everyone has a role to play. The City operations will function but in a much more limited capability. Emergency services and vital public services will NOT be affected. It is important that you follow the recommendations of appropriate health agencies.*

*In the coming weeks, we look forward to resuming our great community spirit, pride, and display of our cultural diversity. **Let's keep Coatesville Rising!** — City Hall*

Contact numbers:

**Emergency 911**

Non-Emergency 610-384-2300

\*General City Departments

Dial 610-384-0300

- Codes Department
- Finance Department
- Public Works
- City Manager
- Assistant City Manager

Other Services:

South Coatesville Police 610-383-3500

Eagle Disposal 717-355-9560

Berkheimer Association 610-599-3143

Keystone (City Real Estate, Earned Income Tax, Trash Fees)  
888-328-0565

(Prior Year Real Estate fees – 610-344-6360)

CASD 610-383-7900

Coatesville OIC 610-692-2344

PA CareerLink 610-280-1010

Post Office 610-384-5130

Senior Center 610-383-6900

South Coatesville Borough 610-384-1700

State Representative Dan Williams 484-200-8256 or 717-783-4103

Valley Township 610-384-5751

Voter Services-West Chester 610-344-6410

For more information, go to [www.coatesville.org](http://www.coatesville.org),  
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