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To protect the health of the public and COG employees during the COVID-19 crisis, while maintaining essential functions, the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) announced that the following measures will take place effective immediately and will continue through at least April 3, 2020:

- Public access to the COG building is restricted. Only visitors dropping off plans or picking up permits at the Code Administration Office. Plan review and inspections for buildings under construction are considered an essential function. For general questions or to schedule an inspection, please call the Code Agency at 814.231.3056 or email Tammy Strouse, CRCA Office Manager; at TES@crcog.net. Rental inspections have been suspended through April 3.

- Public access to Centre Region Parks and Recreation is restricted, but a dropbox for paperwork and is located at 2040 Sandy Drive, State College, Suite A. Additionally, staff is available by telephone at 814.231.3071 or email at crpr@crcog.net.

- Refuse customers are asked to place all trash in bags (but not recyclables) and possibly contaminated materials out of recycling bins.

- Room and facility reservations at the above locations have been canceled through April 30.

Regional Fire Protection and Centre Region Emergency Management operations are continuing to serve the community during the crisis.

The COG is striving to continue to meet the needs of our customers and we will continue to serve customers via telephone and email as much as possible. For further details, please contact us:

- Schlow Library: https://www.schlowlibrary.org/ (814.237.6236)
- Refuse and Recycling Email: recycler@crcog.net (814.234.7198)
- Centre Regional Planning Agency Email: jmay@crcog.net (814.231.3050)
- COG Administration Email: admin@crcog.net (814.231.3077)
- Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Email: mmnc@crcog.net (814.235.7819)
- Active Adult Center Email: activeadults@crcog.net (814.231.3076)

As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 crisis and follow recommendations from the CDC and the State of Pennsylvania, these measures may be extended or modified.

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