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Dahlkemper administration updates Erie County about coronavirus epidemic

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and representatives from the Erie County departments of health and public safety today announced that no current cases of the coronavirus epidemic known as COVID-19 have been identified in Erie County, surrounding counties or the state of Pennsylvania.

Erie County government continues to be in regular communication with Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The most up-to-date information about the coronavirus is found on [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) as well as [health.pa.gov](https://www.health.pa.gov).

“Anything said today is what we know today,” said Char Berringer, director of community health services for Erie County Department of Health. “COVID-19 is a very fluid topic with new information being released or updated daily. If and when COVID-19 is identified in Erie County, contact investigations would occur to identify people who may have been exposed. We as a public health agency routinely conduct disease investigation for communicable diseases.”

The current focus is on travelers who have been in areas where the disease has been identified, educating the public about symptoms, and entry to medical care using methods that restrict exposure to the least number of people possible.

“With the ever-changing information coming out about COVID-19, we are meeting internally here in the county to make sure we are prepared as possible if we would have a suspected and/or confirmed case in Erie County or our region,” Dahlkemper said.

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