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## Erie County set to furlough nonessential employees

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and her administration announce the furloughing of all nonessential County of Erie employees beginning May 1 and the implementation of precautionary measures for essential employees.

The furlough effects approximately 100 employees. Presently the administration does not know how long the furlough will last.

The following directives will be effective immediately for Erie County government:

- All job openings must remain open for a minimum of 60 days unless deemed essential to business operations by the director of human resources.
- All unnecessary travel will be eliminated for the remainder of the year. All travel outside of normal business operations must be evaluated and approved by the director of finance.
- All unnecessary purchases will be eliminated, especially at year end. The director of procurement will be reviewing and evaluating all purchases closely.
- All unnecessary overtime will be eliminated. The department leaders will be requested to limit all overtime for the remaining of the year.

In addition, starting Monday, April 20, the temperatures of employees will be taken, and everyone will be required to wear a mask.

“Hopefully this furlough will not be long, and we can get back to business as usual,” Dahlkemper said.

President Judge Trucilla said supports these guidelines, but the final decision about masks will be left to the discretion of the individual judges.

For more information related to COVID-19, including fact sheets, business resources, family resources, videos, translations, [guidance for garden centers and landscaping supply companies](#), and more, visit [eriecountypa.gov](http://eriecountypa.gov) and the social media accounts for Erie County, Pa., and Erie County Department of Health.

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