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Erie County Department of Health invites residents to take a pledge to help stop the spread of COVID-19

Erie, PA – The Erie County Department of Health is asking community members to take an online pledge to engage in healthy behaviors that have been proven to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

“This pledge serves as a promise and reminder to remain accountable to ourselves and each other by staying vigilant and taking personal responsibility to help reduce COVID-19 infections in Erie County,” said Melissa Lyon, director of the Erie County Department of Health.

Tom Tupitza, Esq., board chairman of the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership, said the Chamber is endorsing the Erie County Department of Health’s COVID-19 safety pledge.

“As the collective voice of the business community, the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership urges residents to pledge to do their part in fighting the battle against COVID-19 so that we can keep businesses open and emerge from this pandemic stronger, both physically and economically,” says Tupitza.

The Erie County Department of Health pledge encourages residents to mask up and face off against COVID-19. In addition to committing to wear masks, those who sign the pledge agree to keep appropriate social distance, avoid crowds, maintain proper personal hygiene and patronize local businesses that are taking COVID-19 safety precautions that protect their customers and employees.

The COVID-19 safety pledge is part of the Erie County Department of Health’s ongoing pursuit to uncover new tactics to reach residents – particularly those in underserved populations – to provide access to resources and information regarding the new coronavirus.

“We recently announced our ‘Masks of Erie County’ design-a-mask challenge, which we believe will be a fun way to get some additional community buy-in around mask-wearing,” Lyon said.

To sign the pledge and/or obtain details and information on how to enter the “Masks of Erie County” design-a-mask challenge, visit <https://eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/masks/> or contact the COVID-19 Research Team at mrodriguez@stevensstrategic.com.

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