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Coronavirus: Commissioners Ask Voters to Consider Voting By Mail-In Ballot

[3/12/2020 – Stroudsburg, PA](#) ---The Monroe County, PA Commissioners share the concern of the community regarding the COVID 19 (coronavirus) virus. We are taking the same steps that other prudent organizations should consider to limit the spread of the virus:

- We encourage our staff to heighten their practice of good health habits (frequent hand washing with warm soapy water, sneezing into the crook of their arm, staying home when they are ill, and resisting the urge to shake hands).
- We have distributed effective cleaning/sanitizing materials so that counters, door knobs and other points of public contact are clean.
- Gloves have been distributed to those offices that accept money and documents from the public.
- We have eliminated all official travel to areas identified as high-risk by the Center for Disease Control and we are requiring staff returning from these areas to quarantine themselves for fourteen days.
- Our cleaning staff is being more vigilant in cleaning bathrooms and other high-traffic areas.

There are two cases of the Corona virus in Monroe County presently. It is our belief that practicing good health habits and restricting travel to and contact with people from high-risk areas will reduce the chance of the virus spreading.

Should anyone be concerned that they may be exposed to the coronavirus while voting on April 28, 2020, we encourage you to vote via **Mail-In Ballot**. This type of ballot is new to Pennsylvania and just happened to come along at a time when people are concerned with the spread of the coronavirus. In fact, it can be used in this and all future elections.

The application for a **Mail-In Ballot** must be received in the Monroe County Voter Registration Office by April 21, 2020 at 5:00 PM. Once the application is approved, a ballot will be sent to you. This ballot is used for voting and it must be returned by April 28, 2020 at 8:00 PM. Because this form of voting may prove to be very popular, we encourage you to apply early.

Directions for applying for a **Mail-In Ballot** can be found on the website: [HTTP://VOTEPA.ORG/APPLYMAILBALLOT](http://VOTEPA.ORG/APPLYMAILBALLOT). This site also describes how you can apply for an application by mail or in person.

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