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COVID-19 Update March 6th 2020

PIKE COUNTY, PA – Today, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf signed an emergency disaster declaration to provide increased support to state agencies involved in response to coronavirus (COVID-19). The declaration came following the announcement of the first two presumptive positive cases of the virus in Pennsylvania, one of which is in Wayne County.

The Pike County Commissioners and the County's Department of Public Safety are continuing to be in regular contact with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and other involved agencies regarding guidance and protocols related to COVID-19.

Pennsylvania is continuing to follow Federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance.

It should be noted that, according to PEMA, there is currently no evidence of community transmission of the virus in Pennsylvania, meaning the two presumptive cases are directly related to travel history.

The PA Department of Health recommends the following:

- Cover coughs or sneezes with your elbow. Do not use your hands!
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Clean surfaces frequently, including countertops, light switches, cell phones, remotes, and other frequently touched items.
- Contain: if you are sick, stay home until you are feeling better.

The public can access the latest information on COVID-19 at:

Health.Pa.gov - the PA Department of Health website.

CDC.gov – the Center for Disease Control website.

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