
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Dear Friend,

As you know, concern over the outbreak of the coronavirus has increased throughout Pennsylvania over the past few days. Explore York's leadership and staff continue to monitor the situation in regard to this new virus and travel. We understand the concern about how this will not only affect the health of our communities but also the economic health of our county.

At this point, the risk in the United States is low. "Though the headlines may be worrisome, experts continue to say the overall coronavirus risk in the U.S. remains low," reads a statement from Destinations International. "At-risk groups are older individuals and those with underlying health conditions, who should take extra precautions. The latest expert guidance indicates that for the overwhelming majority, it's OK to live, work, play and travel in the U.S."

To date, there have been no official mandates from the city, state, or federal government concerning travel or large events inside the U.S. For now, all decisions are being made by organizers on a case-by-case basis. Locally, the St. Patrick's Day Parade committee has made the difficult decision to cancel the parade for 2020. In addition, we are aware that many of you are making changes to your daily operations.

We ask all Explore York partners and members to keep us updated on any precautions your organizations decide to take over the coming months so we might reflect those changes through our channels.

We encourage all members and stakeholders to review proper handwashing and hygiene with your employees and to take extra care while cleaning your facilities. As this situation evolves, we will continue to stay in contact with you to ensure we are all doing our part to mitigate the potential impact of this virus on our community and our guests.

For further information on the coronavirus, please visit these resources:

[Destinations International](#)

[Centers for Disease Control](#)

[Pennsylvania Department of Health](#)

[York County](#)

[Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Assoc.](#)

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