In response to many inquiries regarding COVID-19, the public may find following information useful:

* As of 3:30 p.m., 3/15/2020 there is a single presumptive positive in Washington County. The Pennsylvania Department of Health released this information and nothing else.
* Washington County does not have statutory authority to close commercial venues. Washington County has encouraged unnecessary venues to close or be postponed.
* Washington County has not declared a State of Emergency. Our critical services have not been overwhelmed, nor are they on the verge of being overwhelmed.
* Individuals at greatest risk from COVID-19 are those with significant underlying medical issues such as diabetes, cardiac disease, or respiratory problems.
* Based on the current data, 95 percent of people who get COVID-19 will experience mild to moderate symptoms, says Sandro Galea, the dean of Boston University’s School of Public Health. Some people will get the COVID-19 and not even know they have it.
* A bad case of COVID-19 for a healthy person will likely be no worse than a bad case of regular flu. Sandro Galea, the dean of Boston University’s School of Public Health says, causing a headache, fever, soreness, nausea, and a cough. You will recover from it in a matter of days (again, based on the current data).
* Please continue personal safeguards: hand washing, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, covering your cough, trying to maintain a 6’ distance between people, and staying home when you are sick.
* People who are sick should contact their Primary Care Physician or the Pennsylvania Department of Health at 1-877-PA-HEALTH
* Only people experiencing significant distress along with flulike symptoms should contact the hospital.