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Municipality of Bethel Park Takes Preparatory Measures Regarding Coronavirus

Bethel Park, PA – Communities throughout the United States are taking preparatory action regarding the Coronavirus outbreak (*COVID-19*) and the Municipality of Bethel Park is no different having met extensively over the past several weeks to ensure that all community emergency services are coordinated and plans are in place for public health and safety.

“We want to reassure residents that we’re ready to go and all of our agencies including police, fire and EMS are on the same page to directly support our community should it become affected by the Coronavirus,” said Laurence Christian, Bethel Park municipal manager. “We’ve also been coordinating with the Bethel Park School District to ensure that we’re all fully prepared to deal with this issue.”

Some of the measures in place include cross-training of key positions, providing essential services to residents, updated cleaning protocols for municipal buildings and vehicles, organizing structured response measures should an outbreak occur, and providing educational information to the public.

“We continue to closely monitor Allegheny County Health Department, PA Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for updated information for our residents. Additionally, we are receiving input from other communities that have existing plans in place regarding the virus. We’re gleaning the best information we can from all of them,” added Christian.

Facility maintenance in the Municipality has also been stepped up with cleaning now occurring multiple times a day at both the Municipal building and Community Center. And, emergency vehicles are being sanitized after each shift.

The Municipality is also holding a public Q&A on the Coronavirus on Thursday, March 12 from 7-9 p.m. at the Bethel Park Community Center where residents can bring questions and have them answered from a healthcare expert.

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“Currently, there aren’t any reported cases of the virus in Western PA, and we’re doing everything we can to help keep our residents healthy, safe and informed.”

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