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## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

## **Greetings, Environmental Justice partners!**

We hope you are staying safe and well in these challenging times. The Office of Environmental Justice team is writing to send you important updates about the situation and work happening at the Department of Environmental Protection.

Importantly, in order to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, all Department of Environmental Protection offices are physically closed and at this point will remain closed for at least the next 14 days, beginning March 17. To report environmental emergencies, please call 1-800-541-2050.

DEP work is continuing and staff, including the Office of Environmental Justice, is teleworking and still fulfilling the mission of the department. For the latest updates on the status of other DEP work functions, see our <u>COVID-19 update page</u>. For general inquiries, please continue to <u>contact DEP</u>. Please contact the <u>Office of Environmental Justice</u> with any environmental justice inquiries.

For more information on COVID-19, please visit the PA Department of Health page.

Check the <u>DEP news release page</u> for information about hearing cancellations or postponements and other critical departmental announcements.

Our office will continue to connect with you through e-blasts as we get additional information.

It's time for the U.S. census! COVID-19 will obviously impact this year's effort. You can participate on-line at <u>pa.gov/census</u>. The estimate is that every person not counted costs Pennsylvania almost \$2,000 in federal aid.

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