

### **CodeRED Message from Mayor Jay Donecker Regarding COVID-19**

Hello Reidsville citizens, this is Mayor Jay Donecker calling you in reference to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of Reidsville, in conjunction with Rockingham County, has followed the Federal and State Governments in declaring a Local State of Emergency for COVID-19. This declaration was for the preventative purpose of our community being eligible for federal assistance, which may become necessary in the coming weeks. The City of Reidsville plans to continue daily operations while practicing the federal and state emergency plans of “social distancing” and the limiting of exposure between individuals. This presently has resulted in practical changes with the City suspending all non-essential city-hosted events, programs, and activities until Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Furthermore, the City has created a COVID-19 Task Force composed of City Staff & the Annie Penn Hospital President that will meet daily to react to new information and make recommendations.

In addition, we are taking the following actions:

- We are limiting the number of citizens or visitors at any time within City facilities.
- We are encouraging citizens and businesses to utilize phone meetings instead of in-person meetings, to use the utility bill drop off box behind City Hall, and restricting groups to less than 50 as well as encouraging the CDC-recommended social distancing of six feet between everyone.
- And finally, please follow Cone Health’s recommendation in contacting Annie Penn Hospital at 336-951-4000 before visiting the Hospital Emergency Room if you believe you have COVID-19 symptoms.

There have been no reports of a positive testing of COVID-19 in Cone Health territory at the time of this message, but it would not be reasonable for us to assume this will not occur. I share this not to increase your concern, but rather to provide confidence that our community is taking steps to be as prepared as feasible. Please expect another call on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, as part of our planned weekly updates.