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County of Berks / COVID-19 Leadership Team Press Alert

Berks Commissioners' Weekly Update program to feature presentation of the

COVID-19 Mid-Action Review from the Berks County Department of Emergency Services

Reading, PA— 1/11/2021 — The Berks County Commissioners will host their Weekly Media and Public Update on **Wednesday, January 13, 2020 at 3:30 PM** on Microsoft Teams Live Event. Click [here](#) to find the link to this meeting. This week's update will feature a presentation on the Berks County Department of Emergency Services' COVID-19 Mid-Action Review. The Commissioners will be joined by Brian Gottschall, Director of Emergency Services, and Matthew Stairiker, Assistant Director for Emergency Management.

The Mid-Action Review provides a retrospective on the community's response to the COVID-19 pandemic thus far to evaluate the current situation, highlight what was done well and identify areas of improvement. As part of the review, the Department of Emergency Services conducted a survey of community stakeholders for their feedback and received about 140 responses. The Mid-Action Review is available on the [County Updates](#) page of the [Do Your Part Berks website](#). This Press Event will also be streamed Live to the Berks County [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

Welcome – Commissioner Christian Leinbach

Comments – Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt

Comments – Commissioner Michael Rivera

Introduction of the Presentation/Panel – Commissioner Leinbach

- **Brian Gottschall** – Director of Emergency Services
- **Matthew Stairiker** – Assistant Director of Emergency Management

The presentation on the findings of the Mid-Action Review will include:

- 1) Explanation of the intended purpose of the MAR and how it was conducted
- 2) Timeline of the impact of and response to COVID-19 in Berks and Pennsylvania
- 3) Actions taken by various stakeholders to address the COVID-19 threat
- 4) Review of the County's public outreach to share information, including the effectiveness of the County's web presence and the COVID Resource Center hotline.
- 5) Highlights from the survey responses collected from community stakeholders: County Departments, EMS, Police, Fire Departments, Short/Long Term Care Facilities, Non-Profits, Acute Care Hospitals, and Educational Institutions.
- 6) Opportunities for improvement: Short Term and Long Term

Questions and Answers – Facilitated by Commissioner Leinbach

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