

**For Release Wednesday, 12/16/2020**

**County of Berks – Press Release**

*County of Berks facilities to remain closed throughout Thursday, Dec. 17*

**Reading, PA— 12/16/2020** — The Berks County Commissioners and President Judge Thomas G. Parisi have decided to keep all County facilities closed throughout Thursday, Dec. 17, due to the snowstorm that is expected to continue throughout the night. The County's 24/7 operations will continue to follow their department's inclement weather policy. The County's parks are also closed from now until they can be cleared of snow and safely reopened, depending on the snow. The hope is to have the parks reopened by mid-day Thursday.

The National Weather Service's Winter Storm Warning remains in effect until 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17, with the heaviest snowfall expected to fall tonight.

Many County departments and staff, including the Courts, are continuing to work remotely during the building closure. The County plans to still hold the live, virtual Retirement Board meeting at 9:30 a.m. and the virtual Board of Commissioners meeting at 10 a.m., unless there are significant power outages or technical issues that arise. This week's Commissioners' meeting includes the approval of the 2021 budget. A link for both meetings can be accessed [here](#).

The County will continue to post any further updates to the County of Berks homepage at [www.countyofberks.com](http://www.countyofberks.com), on County social media channels and through the local media.

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