Governor Carney Formally Extends State of Emergency

WILMINGTON, Del. – *Governor John Carney on Thursday formally extended the State of Emergency declaration another 30 days to confront community spread of COVID-19, and issued the following statement:*

> *"It's clear that COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations spiked after Thanksgiving gatherings. Our hospitals can't afford another spike this Christmas. I know it's tough, but please consider adjusting your holiday plans. Wear a mask whenever you're around friends or family outside your household. These are temporary sacrifices until we have enough vaccines to crush COVID-19. Stay vigilant."*

Governor Carney's State of Emergency declaration carries the full force and effect of law. Delawareans and visitors also must follow local restrictions in place to limit community spread of COVID-19.

Anyone with a question about COVID-19 should call Delaware 2-1-1. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can text their ZIP code to 898-211. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

*Delawareans over the age of 18 are encouraged to download **COVID Alert DE**, Delaware's free COVID exposure notification app. Download on the **AppStore** or **Google Play**.*

*Report a business for COVID-19 non-compliance using **this form**.*

*The Division of Public Health will continue to update the public as more information becomes available. For the latest on Delaware's response, go to **de.gov/coronavirus**.*

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