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Fitzgerald Statement Regarding County Remaining in Red Phase

PITTSBURGH – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald issued the following statement today following Governor Wolf’s announcement which resulted in Allegheny County remaining in the red phase of the state’s stay-at-home order:

“Today’s announcement by Governor Wolf that Allegheny County will remain in the red phase was not surprising. While we have done extremely well, we also recognize that the counties which will be moving to the yellow phase have better numbers. I’m also encouraged by the fact that the Governor said that southwest Pennsylvania is close and hopeful that we will move to yellow in the next announcement.

“We can’t do that unless we stay vigilant and continue to follow the guidance put forth by our health professionals. We will continue to work with our healthcare providers and systems to increase testing, maintain our contact tracing and case investigation, move promptly to address outbreaks and issues, and work closely with all of our residents and businesses to be certain that we are ready to move forward.

“I know that residents and businesses would have liked to have seen us included in today’s announcement. I will continue to talk and work with the Governor and his administration and advocate for the opening of additional businesses that are following CDC guidance in their operations. And I encourage those businesses to take this opportunity to figure out what this new normal looks like for them and what changes they may need to put in place to ensure the safety of their employees and customers.

“Thank you for doing all of the things that we have been asked to do, but we need to continue doing those things until there is a treatment or a vaccine for this virus. It remains my hope that we will get the okay to move forward and when we do, we will be ready. As I’ve said all along, this is a marathon, not a sprint.”

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