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A Message from Mayor Annette Iafallo – A Follow-up on Covid-19 in Lackawanna

My thanks to all who reached out after yesterday's notification of a confirmed Covid-19 case in Lackawanna. Your feedback is important. However I will not be able to provide the case specific information many of you were seeking.

As the number of confirmed cases grows state and county-wide, it's become impractical to track where diagnosed individuals may have been. County Executive Poloncarz has advised that we should consider the coronavirus as potentially everywhere – and take precautions everywhere, not just targeted locations.

This is a difficult time in Lackawanna – and communities across the country. Our prayers are with our fellow neighbor for a speedy recovery. As a mother and grandmother I share your concerns. Like you, I am doing all I can to keep my family safe. We are in this together. And I have faith that in time, brighter days will return.

We must ALL continue doing our part to help. PLEASE:

- Follow the precautions and restrictions communicated by the Department of Health, most notably the practices of regular hand washing and social distancing. Unless absolutely necessary please stay home. DO NOT take chances.*
- Avoid large gatherings. There have been many reports of large groups at playgrounds for basketball and other recreational activity. While individual outdoor recreation is encouraged, large sports and other gatherings are NOT permitted until further notice.*

In addition:

- Effective immediately ALL garbage should be placed in garbage bags before placing in your tote. Loose garbage will no longer be picked up unless bagged.*
- This [short informational video](#) provides additional tips for protecting health and safety during the coronavirus pandemic,*

including important information to share with our fire and police personnel when placing assistance calls.

We will share more information with you as it becomes available.

Stay Home. Stay Safe. And God bless.

Annette

