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COUNTY 911 DISPATCH CENTER SETS UP BACKUP STATIONS

The Butler County Emergency Services building in Butler Township now has alternate stations set up as a backup to receive and dispatch 911 calls due to concerns about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Emergency Services Director Steve Bicehouse said the alternate stations, which are in the building meeting room and two offices, would be used if someone working in the communications room would become ill.

Bicehouse said that room would then be vacated, so it could be sanitized. The employees handling 911 calls would be relocated to the alternate work stations in the interim.

“It wouldn’t impact operations,” he said.

The normal work stations already are separated beyond the six-foot guideline for social distancing, so no changes were required for the main communications room. Bicehouse said the alternate stations are a precautionary measure.

“We rather be proactive than reactive,” he said.