

# County of Butler

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### **BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DISCUSS CHALLENGES RELATED TO THE PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH “RISK BASED DECISION SUPPORT TOOL” WITH LOCAL LEGISLATORS AND OUTLINE PATH FORWARD**

Butler, PA --The Butler County Commissioners hosted a conference call this morning with local legislators to outline next steps forward in reopening the County. The Commissioners outlined challenges that exist because of the lack of information and transparency regarding the five areas of measurement identified in a “Risk Based Decision Support Tool” developed by Carnegie Mellon University and released only to Counties late yesterday, May 1<sup>st</sup> through a communication to the County Commissioners Association by the Governor’s Office. The tool is used in determining how regions move from red, to yellow, to green zones in order to reopen business and lift stay at home orders.

Previous information was that decisions were based on case counts per 100,000 of population. This tool identifies four additional indices. In particular question, is the Department of Health’s efforts to conduct contact tracing.

The Commissioners will be working through the weekend to continue to seek information and to lead an effort to organize fellow Commissioners in the Southwest Region to take collective action up to and including legal action.

Sincerely,

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