

# County of Butler

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## COUNTY REQUESTS THE STATE REOPEN BUSINESSES

The Butler County Board of Commissioners today passed a resolution asking Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf to permit the reopening of all businesses in the county May 8 after those designated as non-life-sustaining were closed March 19 in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Butler County Commissioner Leslie Osche, board chairman, read the letter being sent to Gov. Wolf at the meeting, citing the county's collaboration with the Butler Health System, courts, businesses, labor, school districts, municipalities and local agencies to ensure the ongoing monitoring and management of COVID-19.

"We hope that you see that our county and community has done our part and now, we respectfully ask you to respond to the voices of our community by permitting us to open our county next week and restore economic activity," Commissioner Osche said.

The Commissioners stressed the letter is meant to ensure the state is aware of the efforts made through the collaboration. "We want to have our voices heard," said Commissioner Kevin Booze.

Commissioner Kim Geyer agreed it's time to reopen business now that the county has adapted. "It's to the benefit of the county," Commissioner Geyer said.