

Doing Business with the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Guidance for Staff, Vendors, Partners, and Supporters

The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary (PDE) recognizes that COVID-19 poses a threat to the health and well-being of our staff, partners, and supporters. Keeping them safe is our greatest priority.

Based on current guidance from the Centers for Disease Controls and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person; through respiratory droplets from coughs, sneezing, or talking; through inhalation of respiratory droplets; and from touching surfaces or objects that have the virus on it. For more information and guidance from the CDC, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

The best way to avoid COVID-19 exposure is to limit interactions with others, including the general public, partners, supporters, vendors, and coworkers.

The reality is that until there is a vaccine or a more effective way to treat COVID-19, the virus will be an issue that will need to be dealt with in the coming 18-24 months.

To keep our staff and work environment safe, PDE's office, shell lot, and storage facility will remain closed until at least September 7, 2020, with the exception of individually requested activities that are approved by the Executive Director. Our staff are working remotely and are available via email, phone call, or virtual meeting. Additionally, PDE staff will not attend inperson meetings until at least September 7, 2020.

PDE will continue to monitor the situation, and may choose to keep our offices and facilities closed beyond September 7, 2020.

Thank you,

Kathy Klein

Executive Director

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