

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 13, 2020

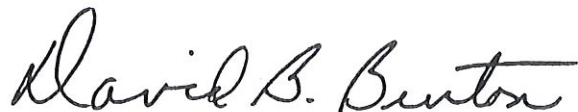
In response to the COVID19 virus effecting our region, I, David Burton, Mayor of Malvern, have declared a LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY to take effect Friday, March 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Effective immediately, I am declaring a state of emergency in the Borough of Malvern. The purpose is not to alarm anyone; rather, it is to improve our government's ability to manage novel coronavirus transmission and minimize COVID-19 in our community. The effect of a declaration of a local disaster emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local emergency management plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder.

We are now in the most critical time of this pandemic, in that we have a window of opportunity to proactively mitigate the disease. This declaration is to ensure that the residents and business owners in the Borough of Malvern will have all the assistance that is needed during this time of national emergency.

Slowing transmission with proactive, protective measures can reduce suffering, save lives, protect our first responders and health care workers, prevent our hospital from becoming overwhelmed with cases, and enable our business community to remain operational.

During this time, follow the Chester County Health Department's basic hygiene recommendations and avoid social gatherings, parties, and large-group activities. Staying home is especially important for anyone over the age of 60 or with serious chronic medical conditions. If you fall into either of these groups, please take extra care to avoid all unnecessary physical contact with others.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David B. Burton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and 'B'.

David Burton

Mayor, Borough of Malvern