Gov. Wolf Calls for Universal Masking

During a COVID-19 press briefing today Governor Tom Wolf recommended that all Pennsylvanians wear a mask any time they leave their homes for life-sustaining reasons. As COVID-19 cases steadily rise in the state, Gov. Wolf stressed the need to intensify all measures to help stop the spread of the virus.

"Two days ago, I amplified our social distancing efforts by instituting a statewide stay-at-home order, and today I am asking all Pennsylvanians to wear a mask any time they leave their houses," Gov. Wolf said. "Masks help prevent people from sharing illnesses. But, they don't do a great job at keeping people from getting sick; and, they're not foolproof, so it is critical that our first act is to ask ourselves if we really need to leave our house. If we don't really, truly need to leave, then we shouldn't."

"Staying home is the most effective way to protect yourself and others against COVID-19," Sec. of Health Dr. Rachel Levine said. "But, if you must go out because you are out of food or medication, then wearing a mask, or even a bandana across your nose and mouth, could be an extra layer of protection.

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