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## **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 further notice, 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 in-person meetings until further notice.**

**PDE will continue to monitor the situation. If you have any questions, please email me at [kklein@delawareestuary.org](mailto:kklein@delawareestuary.org).**

Thank you,

Kathy Klein  
Executive Director