

March 16, 2020

To our communities and partners:

On Friday March 13, the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments began preparing for the social distancing necessary to limit the spread of the respiratory illness called COVID-19. The situation continues to change rapidly and my priority is to keep my staff and communities safe and informed.

KVCOG has taken steps to minimize potential spread of this illness by postponing and/or cancelling scheduled events and verifying plans of action with our towns. Please expect a call from us to confirm an alternate date if you've planned an in-person meeting. I have instructed staff to work from home until the end of the month in order to keep the office free of contagion. Phone and email service will remain consistent. Projects, grants, and comp plans will move forward on schedule. KVCOG has policies in place to allow for remote work and voicemail retrieval. Please know that you will always be able to contact us.

In the coming days, while our community economic development plans and priorities may change, KVCOG has the planning and development experience to help our towns' transition. Mitigation plans and extended grant deadlines will be shared and together, we will develop strategies to strengthen our region.

Please help us do our part to keep our communities safe by following recommendations of the CDC. This includes the information KVCOG has posted on our website at [www.kvcog.org](http://www.kvcog.org) For updated information please visit <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/> or <https://211maine.org/>. You can also access 211 Maine via phone, text, or email.

Thank you all for your patience on this matter and we look forward to debriefing with all of you when the time comes.

In health,



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Executive Director