Domestic violence help is standing by

As families and significant others are pushed closer together because of COVID-19, advocates fighting domestic abuse operations remain ready to address a possible uptick in abuse. Operations are moving along as usual at the Branches Domestic Violence Shelter in Huntington.


Justice repeats plea to keep virus from elderly

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CHARLESTON — As the situation continues to evolve each day and more is learned about the virus sweeping the world, officials in West Virginia are working to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the state's elderly population, which appears to have directly begun.

"They are the target," Gov. Jim Justice said during a press briefing Tuesday. "I don't believe we can be too cautious."

This means every day in the world to strike our elderly."

As of Friday, stay-at-home orders issued by Justice on Monday went into effect. The order outlines the essential services still operating, such as grocery stores and pharmacies.

The order was issued as the first case of community spread of COVID-19 was identified in a Morgantown nursing home. Justice said Tuesday four more residents of the nursing home along with at least two, possibly three, staff members have tested positive for the virus.

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