Fourth of July events around Chester County will be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Some events are proceeding with celebrations with social-distancing guidelines in place while others have cancelled events altogether.

Fourth of July is not only the busiest day of the year for fireworks use, but it’s also the busiest day for fireworks-related fires and injuries.

“This year, we are concerned that more people may choose to use consumer fireworks, which could lead to additional injuries and fires. We urge everyone to be extremely cautious when using consumer fireworks,” stated John Weer, Chester County Chief Fire Marshal.

Here are some safety tips to remember:

- Confirm fireworks are legal where you live; purchase fireworks only from licensed retailers.
- Only use fireworks in a large open space.
- Always keep children away from fireworks.
- Make sure you have a garden hose or bucket of water nearby.
- Never re-light fireworks that have malfunctioned.
- Sparklers account for roughly 25% of emergency room firework injury visits; keep your children safe by using Glow Sticks and other similar items.

For more information on fireworks safety, visit [www.nfpa.org/fireworks](http://www.nfpa.org/fireworks)