



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Situation Report: March 24, 2020

National/State Situation Update:

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): [website](#)

Pennsylvania State Department of Health: [website](#)

Delaware County: [website](#)

Williamson College of the Trades, Coronavirus update: [website](#)

Positive cases in: PA (as of 5:00pm EST): 851 (rise of 207, since 3/23)
National Numbers (as of 5:00pm EST): 52,145 (rise of 10,634 from 3/23)
-- Number rapidly climbing as testing becomes more accessible

College Policy Guidance Update:

- If you need to visit campus, please coordinate with Mr. Corey Jackson at (610) 566-1776, ext. 415 or email: cjackson@williamson.edu
- **NEW:** Faculty and Staff: Please keep receipts from any educational or job-related expenses incurred as a result of the coronavirus. While we have not received government guidance yet, we expect that many of these expenses may be eligible for refunds.
- For those employees on International Blue Cross (IBC) Medical Plans, there are new services being offered: expanding access to care, talking to a doctor 24/7, and requesting emotional support. Please access the [IBC link here](#) for additional information

Significant State or Federal Policy Changes:

NEW: Late yesterday afternoon Governor Wolf announced additional stay-at-home guidance in addition to extending school closures statewide until April 6th. Additional Information:

- Governor Wolf's March 23 Order and additional Stay-at-Home Guidance ([LINK](#))
- Business order enforcement data from the PA State Police ([LINK](#))

NEW: The Governor's office is encouraging all Pennsylvania residents to sign up for AlertPA, a text notification system for health, weather, and other important alerts like COVID-19 updates from commonwealth agencies. Residents can sign up online at: www.ready.pa.gov/BeInformed/Signup-For-Alerts

NEW: From the Delaware County Emergency Planning Conference (held 3/24):

- Delaware and Chester county have decided at the current time not to stand-up a mobile testing center. The county is seeing a rise in hospital and ER testing capabilities and are

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directing their efforts in supporting this effort. As the situation continues to evolve this may change in the future if needed.

- The PA National Guard is providing additional logistical and operational support across the Commonwealth.

Upcoming events at the College in the next 24 hours:

- Weekly Faculty/Staff Update Teleconference
 - Wednesday, March 25 at 1:00 pm
 - Dial-In Information: Call (201) 616-0673; Passcode: 335196

Government Topics of Interest:

- **NEW: Guidance from the PA Department of Education regarding K-12 school closure**
The Department of Education has announced that all schools in the commonwealth will remain closed through at least April 6. Under this timeline, students could return to school on April 9, unless extending the closure is needed in response to the situation with the coronavirus at that time.

If the closure is not extended, school buildings could reopen on April 7 for two days to allow school administrators, teachers and other staff time to prepare classrooms, set up cafeterias, schedule transportation and arrange other business operations. The state's 29 intermediate units will be available to provide technical assistance to help develop continuity of education plans for all students beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, March 24. More details on the announcement are [available here](#).

Additionally, PDE is canceling standardized testing for students in career and technical education (CTE) programs for the 2019-20 school year. More details on the cancelations are [available here](#).