



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Situation Report: April 6, 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 4:00 pm EST): 12,980 (rise of 4,560 since 4/3)
National: (as of 4:00 pm EST): 261,438 (rise of 91,108 from 4/3)
-- Numbers rapidly climbing as the virus spread is starting to move across more of the Middle States and South

College Policy Guidance Update:

- If you need to visit campus, please coordinate with Mr. Corey Jackson at (610) 308-9975 or email: cjackson@williamson.edu

Significant Federal, State, or County Policy Changes:

- **NEW:** The Pennsylvania Department of Health today announced they have signed a contract with ECRI, an independent, nonprofit health services research organization based in Philadelphia, to help with the COVID-19 response across the state, particularly in long-term care facilities. With decades of experience in assisting during outbreaks, ECRI will provide individualized infection control and prevention assistance to long-term care facilities in Pennsylvania. ECRI will also help the department evaluate PPE and research different ways to maximize available resources.
- **NEW:** Under her authority as Secretary of the Department of Health to take any disease control measure appropriate to protect the public from the spread of infectious disease, Dr. Rachel Levine today signed an order providing direction for maintaining and cleaning buildings for businesses authorized to maintain in-person operations under her and the governor's life-sustaining business orders announced March 19. For more information, please see [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** Governor Tom Wolf today urged Pennsylvania manufacturers that currently are producing or can pivot to producing COVID-19-related supplies to submit their information to the newly developed Pennsylvania Manufacturing Call to Action Portal. For more information, please see [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** The Governor is asking that families and religious leaders limit gatherings this Easter holiday season to minimize the spread of COVID-19. This request and additional statistics regarding PPE, medical equipment availability, and hospital capacity in the Commonwealth was addressed in today's press conference. To access, please follow this [LINK](#)

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- **NEW:** The PA Department of Human Services (DHS) announced the launch of a statewide Support & Referral Helpline staffed by skilled caseworkers who will be available 24/7 to counsel those struggling with anxiety and other challenging emotions due to COVID-19. The toll-free support line is 1-855-284-2494. For additional resources and information, please see this [LINK](#)
- **UPDATE:** Governor Tom Wolf requested on (4/3) that all Pennsylvanians wear a mask any time they leave their homes for life-sustaining reasons. **Delaware County released additional guidance on masks, to include helpful links to making your own mask. For more information, see this [LINK](#)**
- Governor Wolf extended the “stay-at-home” order **across the state** on 4/2 until April 30. Additionally, all Pennsylvania schools will remain closed until further notice. Non-life-sustaining business closures remain in effect. For additional information select this [LINK](#)
- **Delaware County:** The county released information today on donating supplies and resources. Residents or organizations who would like to donate protective and medical supplies and equipment and also in-kind donations can call 1-800-253-3102 or email: EOC@DelcoDES.org

Upcoming Events at the College:

College Spring Break – no academic classes April 6-10. The college is closed April 9-10th.

REMINDERS:

- **UPDATE: Wed. April 8th, NOW 10:00 am FOR THIS WEEK ONLY:** Weekly Update Teleconference – Dial (201) 616-0673; Passcode: 335196
- **Fri. April 10th, 11:00 am:** Weekly Faculty Teleconference – Dial (201) 616-0673; Passcode: 335196

Government Topics of Interest:

NEW: Department of Agriculture Finds No Evidence COVID-19 is Transmissible Through Food

The PA Department of Agriculture (PDA) is reassuring Pennsylvanians that there is no evidence that human or animal food or food packaging is associated with transmission of COVID-19. Additionally, Grocery stores, food manufacturers, distributors and manufacturing environments were given guidance to protect their workforce and consumers from COVID-19. For more information, see this [LINK](#).

NEW: State Tax Filing Extended. A number of important state tax deadlines have been extended in recent weeks, including:

- State tax filing date from April 15 to July 15.
- Local earned income tax filing date from April 15 to July 15.
- Filing date for informational returns related to Pennsylvania S corporations, partnerships, and estates and trusts from April 15 to July 15.
- State filing date for other corporations from May 15 to August 15 (the federal deadline was also extended to July 15).

NEW: PA Waives Spay/Neuter Requirement for Pet Adoptions. In an effort to conserve personal protective equipment for healthcare workers, the PA Department of Agriculture is temporarily waiving a requirement that all shelters and rescues must spay/neuter dogs and cats prior to adoption. [LINK](#)