



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Situation Report: April 8, 2020

National/State Situation Update:

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

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

Delaware County: [website](#); Interactive Delaware County COVID-19 Maps, click [LINK](#)

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

Positive cases in: PA (as of 4:00 pm EST): 16,239 (rise of 1,680 since 4/7)
National: (as of 4:00 pm EST): 404,352 (rise of 17,552 from 4/7)
-- Numbers rapidly climbing as the virus spread is moving across more of the Middle States/South and testing increasing

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:** CDC released a new guide for making your own personal mask. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** Governor Tom Wolf signed an order today to provide critical aid to hospitals with targeted PPE and supplies distribution. The order will ensure the efficient allocation and effective use of critical medical resources, such as N95 face masks, ventilators, respirators, face shields, safety goggles, disinfectants and other sanitizing solutions. For information, please see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** Governor Tom Wolf ordered commonwealth flags on all commonwealth facilities, public buildings and grounds fly at half-staff until further notice to honor the victims of the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic. Commonwealth flags should be lowered to half-staff until a date to be announced after the pandemic passes. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** Governor Tom Wolf's advisory commissions are calling for the public to remain vigilant against hate after the Pennsylvania State Police reported it remains committed to preventing and investigating hate/bias crimes in Pennsylvania. The FBI is warning of an uptick of incidents targeting members of the Asian American community due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, to include how to report incidents of discrimination or harassment, please see this [LINK](#)

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- **NEW:** PA Department of Health released additional requirements and directions in regard to safety measures being taken by businesses authorized to maintain in-person operations (e.g. grocery stores, certain manufacturing, etc.) For additional information, please see this [LINK](#)
- **UPDATED:** PA Department of Health has requested additional volunteers, both with medical and non-medical experience to serve a variety of services. Volunteer work is considered essential work under the State’s Stay-at-Home directive. For more information on volunteering, to **include how to find Volunteer Opportunities**, see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW: SEPTA:** Starting on Thursday, April 9, SEPTA will move to a new “Lifeline Service Schedule,” operating with limited lines and routes. SEPTA is asking all riders to wear masks or other facial coverings, consistent with new CDC guidelines, to protect both riders and operators. SEPTA customers should check this [LINK](#) for additional details
- 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](#)
- 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](#)

Upcoming Events at the College:

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

REMINDERS:

- **Fri. April 10th, 11:00 am:** Weekly Faculty Teleconference – Dial (201) 616-0673; Passcode: 335196

Government Topics of Interest:

No additional items

For Families and Children:

Another resource for parents and students from the Rosenbach Museum, who are publishing online lessons for students using some of their historical documents and objects. They are a local museum that was one of the first private libraries in the state. For additional information, please see this [LINK](#). Thanks Lesley!