



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Situation Report: April 10, 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): 19,979 (rise of 1,751 since 4/9)
National: (as of 4:00 pm EST): 486,490 (rise of 34,999 from 4/9)
-- 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:** U.S. Department of Education released initial information regarding the implementation of the CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. The fund will be distributed in two phases: first as a grant for students to offset costs associated with COVID-19; the second, grants for colleges and universities to offset operational and distance education costs. For more information, please see this [LINK](#). Note: Williamson is awaiting guidance from the U.S. Department of Education regarding its student and institutional grant amount and allocation process. More to follow next week.
- Governor Wolf today announced that all schools will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 academic year. Although schools are closed, teaching and learning may continue, as the Governor encouraged schools to provide continuity of education for all students in the most appropriate and accessible ways possible. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)
- PA Secretary of Education Rivera, following Governor Wolf's school closure announcement, provided additional guidance for the state's schools:
 - **Colleges and universities** may not resume in-person instruction or reopen their physical locations until the governor permits them to open or lifts the closure of non-life-sustaining businesses.
 - Schools will remain closed through the end of the 2019-2020 academic year as defined by the local school calendar. Schools could begin summer programming on the day after their academic year ends.

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- The Secretary exercised his executive authority to adjust requirements for the evaluation of professional public-school employees and waive student teaching requirements that may not be possible in the context of school closures.

For more information, please see this [LINK](#)

- **Delaware County:** Residents or organizations who would like to donate handmade facial masks, as well as other protective supplies, medical supplies, equipment, and in-kind donations, can call 1-800-253-3102 or email: eoc@delcoDES.org
- 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](#)
- 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](#)
- **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](#)

Upcoming Events at the College:

College Spring Break – no academic classes April 6-10. Online classes resume April 13th.

Government Topics of Interest:

- **UPDATE:** While the college administration has been monitoring the **CDC weekly update summaries**, there really has not been much to report other than the steady rise of COVID-19 cases. However, while not reversing, there are some **positive** signs in the data, specifically in ER visits and Hospital visits (**page 5 & 6**) of the week’s data. For the weekly CDC report, select this [LINK](#)

Easter Links

- Easter Sunday Virtual Mass and Services Around the Region -- [LINK](#)
- 32 Unique Easter Games to Entertain Your Kids This Easter -- [LINK](#)
- How to Hold a Virtual Easter Egg Hunt with Family and Friends -- [LINK](#)