



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Situation Report: April 13, 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 5:00 pm EST): 24,199 (rise of 4,220 since 4/10)
National: (as of 5:00 pm EST): 572,587 (rise of 86,097 from 4/10)
-- 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:

- **UPDATE** 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](#). **UPDATE:** US Department of Education is currently reviewing Williamson's application for the CARES Act disbursement and should be providing an update by April 17th.
- **NEW:** The CDC has launched a new Data and Surveillance site for COVID-19. Lots of data on hospital rates, characteristics of patients, testing, etc. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** PA Department of Health finalized interim guidance today for hospitals should they become overwhelmed by COVID-19 patients who have critical medical needs. The Interim Pennsylvania Crisis Standards of Care for Pandemic Guidelines, developed with The Hospital and Health system Association of Pennsylvania, is designed to help hospitals determine how patient resources are allocated during an overwhelming public health emergency when the needs of the community dramatically exceed the supply of resources available. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** Governor Tom Wolf announced today the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) is implementing new federal unemployment compensation benefits provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The COVID-19 relief package temporarily provides an additional \$600 per week, makes self-employed, independent contractors and

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gig workers eligible for benefits and extends unemployment compensation (UC) benefits for an additional 13 weeks. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)

- **NEW:** Under the authority granted to him by the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Emergency Management Services Code, Governor Wolf today ordered Department of Corrections officials to establish a Temporary Program to Reprieve Sentences of Incarceration to help aid the department in the transfer of qualifying individuals to community corrections facilities or home confinement amid the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** Governor Wolf will deliver an address tonight (4/13) at 7:00 pm on COVID-19. He will update Pennsylvanians on the state of the commonwealth and ongoing efforts to mitigate the virus and provide support to Pennsylvanians impacted by the pandemic. It's a streamed event. To view the address, 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
- **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

Upcoming Events at the College:

- Wednesday (4/15) at 12:30 pm: **Weekly Chapel Service** Online to access the service on Go-to-Meeting, please select this link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/487649933>. You can also join by phone at (571) 317-3112, Access Code: 487-649-933
- Wednesday (4/15) at 1:00 pm: **Weekly Update Teleconference:** Dial in Information: Phone #: (201) 616-0673; Passcode: 335196

Government Topics of Interest:

- **NEW: COVID-19 Unemployment Benefits:** The spike in the number of applicants in the Unemployment Compensation system has created longer response times and a backlog of cases. A number of services are now available online to help resolve some questions regarding the system. Claimants can check the status of their application [online](#), find answers to [frequently asked questions](#) and read [tips on how to file an initial claim](#) and more at <https://www.uc.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.
- **NEW: Unemployment Benefits Available Soon for Contractors, Self-Employed Workers:** The CARES Act temporarily makes benefits available to other individuals who are not normally eligible, such as people who are self-employed, independent contractors and gig workers. However, these individuals cannot apply through the current unemployment system. The PA Department of Labor and Industry expects to have the new system up and running within the next two weeks. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)