



Coronavirus (COVID-19) **Situation Report:** April 14, 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](#)

NEW: John Hopkins Univ. COVID-19 Resource Center ([great](#) website with multiple data sources) [LINK](#)

Positive COVID-19 cases in: National: (as of 5:00 pm EST): 598,670 (rise of 17,083 from 4/13)
 PA (as of 5:00 pm EST): 25,345 (rise of 1,146 since 4/13)
 Delaware County (as of 5:00 pm EST): 1,851

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:** Recognizing that their states have one integrated regional economy, Pennsylvania Governor Wolf, New York Governor Cuomo, New Jersey Governor Murphy, Connecticut Governor Lamont, Delaware Governor Carney, Rhode Island Governor Raimondo, and Massachusetts Governor Baker today announced the creation of a multi-state council to restore the economy and get people back to work. This announcement builds on the states' ongoing regional approach to combatting the COVID-19 pandemic. The coordinating group – comprised of one health expert, one economic development expert and the respective Chief of Staff from each state – will work together to develop a fully integrated regional framework to gradually lift the states' stay at home orders while minimizing the risk of increased spread of the virus. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** Governor's Wolf thanked Pennsylvanians last night for the sacrifices during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information and a copy of the Governor's statement, please see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** Today's (4/14) Daily Press Podcast from the PA Secretary of Health addressed a number of questions on Nursing Home Care and preliminary data that PA may be seeing the beginning stages of the flattening of the COVID-19 curve. To view the Podcast, please select this [LINK](#)
- **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.

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- **NEW: Delaware County:** An Alternative Care Site at the Glen Mills School is being relocated. The site, established by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) was prepared to serve as a regional medical facility for patients who had not tested positive for COVID-19, but who required treatment for low-acuity conditions if local hospitals were full treating COVID-19 patients. PEMA has notified the County that a significant portion of the site will be relocated to East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Delaware County will maintain a 100-bed shelter at the Glen Mills School to serve as regional reserve.
- 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](#)
- Governor Tom Wolf announced today (4/13) 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 gig workers eligible for benefits and extends unemployment compensation (UC) benefits for an additional 13 weeks. 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

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:

- 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>.
- 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](#)