



Coronavirus (COVID-19) **Situation Report:** April 15, 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](#)

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): 619,607 (rise of 20,937 from 4/14)
 PA (as of 5:00 pm EST): 26,490 (rise of 1,145 since 4/14)
 Delaware County (as of 5:00 pm EST): 1,935 (rise of 84 since 4/14)

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:** Governor Wolf authorized the PA Secretary of Health to sign an order today directing protections for critical workers who are employed at businesses that are authorized to maintain in-person operations during the COVID-19 disaster emergency. This is a wide-sweeping order outlining actions for employers. For more information, see this [LINK](#). For the press release, see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** Governor Wolf announced businesses that collect Pennsylvania sales tax will not have to make Accelerated Sales Tax (AST) prepayments over the next three months. That means businesses that normally have a monthly prepayment requirement will not be charged penalties for missing the prepayment deadline during this three-month period. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)
- Recognizing that their states have one integrated regional economy, Pennsylvania Governor Wolf, New York Governor Cuomo, New Jersey 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](#)
- 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

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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:

- Friday (4/17) at 11:00 am: **Weekly Faculty 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>.

Additional Topics of Interest:

- **NEW**: Major utility companies are now offering special assistance programs to help families who have been impacted by the pandemic. Some of the programs include delayed or partial payments, hardship funds, budget billing and other programs to help customers. More information about the different kinds of programs and services to help utility customers is available on the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's at this [LINK](#)