



Coronavirus (COVID-19) **Situation Report:** April 16, 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): 653,825 (rise of 34,218 from 4/15)
 PA (as of 5:00 pm EST): 27,735 (rise of 1,245 since 4/15)
 Delaware County (as of 5:00 pm EST): 2,055 (rise of 70 since 4/15)

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:** The CDC released new statistical data today on COVID-19 by age, race, and ethnicity. To access the data, select this [LINK](#) (bottom of page)
- **NEW:** Amid growing concern for how COVID-19 is disproportionately affecting minority populations in the state and adding to existing health disparity issues, Governor Wolf announced today the creation of a COVID-19 Response Task Force for Health Disparity that will help communicate issues with how the pandemic is affecting the state's minority and vulnerable populations. For more information, see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** Governor Tom Wolf today sent a letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary urging him to immediately publish a plan to support agriculture producers, food processors, workers, and local food systems, regardless of size of operation. The \$9.5 billion included in the CARES Act – at Perdue's discretion to distribute - has the potential to provide much needed aid to the PA agriculture and food-production and distribution sector. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)
- Governor Wolf authorized the PA Secretary of Health to sign an order today (4/15) 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](#)
- Governor Wolf announced (4/15) 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

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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](#)

- **NEW: Delaware County:** – The Brandywine Valley SPCA (BVSPCA) has teamed up with Terra Technical Services to hold two drive-thru pet food pantries to help families in need with free pet food. For more details to include distribution sites, dates and hours, please see this [LINK](#)

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:

- **NEW: PA State Legislature:** Two Bills are working their way through the state legislature currently. The first is [Senate Bill 613](#) would require the governor to create clear guidelines for businesses to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses that are able to operate safely under the new guidelines would be permitted to re-open so long as they comply with mitigation strategies. The second is [Senate Bill 327](#) that would give county governments the option to develop and implement their own plans to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, following established guidelines.
- **NEW:** The PA Department of Human Services is providing additional guidance to help personal care homes and assisted living residences better protect patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** The increased stress caused by COVID-19 affects all Pennsylvanians, but our first responders and healthcare workers face even greater pressures in helping the state respond to this public health emergency. Magellan Health recently opened a free national crisis line for all first responders and healthcare professionals who are serving on the front lines of the pandemic. The hotline is open 24 hours a day and connects callers directly to licensed mental health clinicians for support. The toll-free number is 1-800-327-7451.
- **NEW:** A new web portal has been created to help connect displaced workers with new employment opportunities in home health care, shipping, distribution, manufacturing and other industries. People seeking employment immediately can learn more about available job opportunities through PA CareerLink's new online COVID-19 job portal accessible at this [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** An online COVID-19 resource guide to help older adults find useful information related to their health, safety and well-being is now available. The guide is available on the PA Department of Aging's website under "COVID-19 Resource Guide for Older Adults" and provides older adults, their families and caregivers with information on a variety of subjects, including meals, prescriptions, protective services, scams, and how to stay active and connected. For more information on the guide, please see this [LINK](#)