



Coronavirus (COVID-19) **Situation Report:** April 17, 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): 684,920 (rise of 34,095 from 4/16)
 PA (as of 5:00 pm EST): 29,441 (rise of 1,706 since 4/16)
 Delaware County (as of 5:00 pm EST): 2,281 (rise of 226 since 4/16)

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 White House released Federal guidelines late yesterday (4/16) on reopening the nation. These guidelines are not regulatory in nature, as each state governor ultimately is the authority office to determine the reopening of their state. For more information on the U.S. guidelines, see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** Governor Wolf in his daily PODCAST discussed PA's reopening plan. While the exact plan details will be released next week, some initial concepts are addressed in the Governor's PODCAST (this [LINK](#)) or in the press release (middle of page 5), available through this [LINK](#)

Note: Williamson has been developing a phased approach to reopening the college with the release of the new Federal guidelines. However, as this ultimately is a State decision, we will await guidance from Governor Wolf's office before releasing further details, hopefully by next week.

- **NEW:** Governor Wolf announced today that the Department of Human Services (DHS) will begin emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit issuance today in line with the federal government's interpretation of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. DHS is also advising Pennsylvanians in need of food assistance of local supports that can help meet essential needs during the public health crisis. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)
- 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)
- 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

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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](#)

- 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 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](#)
- 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:

- Monday (4/20) at 8:00 am: **COVID-19 Planning Committee**: Dial in Information: Phone #: (201) 616-0673; Passcode: 335196

Government Topics of Interest:

- 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](#)
- 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.
- 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](#)
- 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", by following this [LINK](#)