



Coronavirus (COVID-19) **Situation Report:** April 22, 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): 839,836 (rise of 25,249 from 4/21)
 PA (as of 5:00 pm EST): 35,684 (rise of 1,156 since 4/21)
 Delaware County (as of 5:00 pm EST): 2,798 (rise of 100 since 4/21)

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 will be conducting a virtual press conference this evening at 7:00 pm to discuss the state's current COVID-19 response policy. Hopefully there will be additional guidance on the next steps forward. To access the virtual press conference, please see this [LINK](#)
- **UPDATED:** The CDC released a new interactive mapping software today, tracking rate of infection and statistical data for the past seven days. To access this new data source, please see this [LINK](#)
- **State Bill 841**
 - Governor Tom Wolf announced that the statewide stay-at-home orders issued on April 1 to protect Pennsylvanians and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 will be extended until Friday, May 8. The initial order was set to expire on April 30. For more information, see this [LINK](#)
 - Governor Wolf signed late yesterday (4/20) Bill 841 that helps local communities and businesses respond to the COVID-19 emergency. The bill provides:
 - Flexibility on property tax deadlines,
 - Allows remote public meetings and notarization of documents so online vehicle sales
 - Public and private residential and non-residential construction may resume statewide starting Friday, May 8, in accordance with safety guidance that will be issued shortly.
 - The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) today began accepting orders by phone for curbside pickup at 176 locations. Phone orders can be placed between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., or until reaching a store's maximum order capacity each day. Curbside pickups will be scheduled from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. within a few days of order placement.

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Please note however, Bill 841 does **NOT** provide guidance on reopening businesses & schools or ends the current May 8th stay-at-home order for the state. Subsequent guidance on these issues should be forthcoming. For more information on Bill 841, please see this [LINK](#)

Note: While the college administration has developed a reopening plan, we will need to await further guidance from the state before the plan is released. Our current **CLOSED** status remains with distance education continuing for the remainder of the spring term.

- **UPDATED:** PA Department of Health opened its new COVID-19 testing site in Northeast Pennsylvania yesterday (4/21). The drive-thru testing site is being held in the parking lot of the Mohegan Sun Pocono Arena and [pre-registration](#) is required. **The site performed 77 tests today and is ramping up to accommodate more tests.** No onsite registration is available. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW: Delaware County:** To provide emotional support to the residents of Delaware County, the County has opened a Telehealth Helpline that will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Individuals working or living in Delaware County can use this resource by calling 855-464-9342 to speak to a Certified Peer Specialist or Mental Health Professional. The call is confidential and may be anonymous if the caller prefers. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW: Delaware County:** Delaware County Council, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Emergency Services coordinated a food delivery to help stock the shelves of Delaware County food pantries, senior centers, and homeless shelters during the COVID-19 Pandemic. On April 21, members of the Pennsylvania National Guard delivered dozens of pallets of food to Interboro High School, Drexel Hill Middle School and Chester City Hall. The donation included approximately 28,000 meals per site. For more information, to include a map with the locations of additional food resources, 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:** Self-employed individuals, contractors, gig workers and others who do not traditionally qualify for Unemployment Compensation can now apply for benefits through the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program. Payments ranging from \$195 to \$572 per week will be available to qualifying individuals who are unable to work due to COVID-19. Payments will be available for up to 39 weeks and will be backdated to January 27 or the first week the individual was unable to work due to COVID-19. Individuals collecting PUA benefits will also be eligible for the extra \$600 per week from the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation program. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)

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- **NEW:** The State has developed a new **Business-to-Business Interchange Directory** will help move COVID-19 supplies like personal protective equipment from the manufacturing floor to businesses and organizations who need these critical supplies. The directory currently includes surgical masks, N95 masks and fabric masks. Additional supplies and materials will be added to the directory as more potential manufacturers are identified. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** Voters have the option to vote by mail-in ballot rather than going to their polling place for the June 2nd primary election. Mail-in ballot applications must be received by the local county election office by Tuesday, May 26th. Because of the COVID-19 outbreak, the date of the primary election was changed from April 28th to June 2nd. If you have already applied for an absentee or mail-in ballot, you do not need to reapply. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)
- **NEW:** The PA Department of Agriculture has issued guidelines to help volunteers and employees of community gardens stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, please see this [LINK](#).

Additional Programs for Williamson Employees:

NEW: Free Financial Planning Service through MetLife for Williamson Employees

MetLife is offering a free Financial Advisory Service to all Williamson employees until July 22nd. More details on the next page

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These are unsettling times and we're all looking for ways to adapt to a "new normal." Your health and financial well-being are top of mind for us right now, so as you assess your current situation, we'd like to share with you some immediate resources that will help you make informed decisions today and into the future.

First, you have access to the Financial Wellness hub, MetLife's dynamic new wellness destination: [Click here](#). This site is designed to support your unique wellness needs. From financial tips to expert-backed ways to stay calm and mindful, you can see how to improve your financial well-being now while guiding you to build a more confident future. And with new content added regularly, the Financial Wellness hub evolves with your needs.

Additionally, we are excited to offer you access to MetLife's PlanSmart® Financial Wellness planner line for COVID-19 related financial issues and offered in collaboration with Ernst & Young LLP ("EY") for the next 90 days. **This planner line is being provided at no cost to you and is completely confidential.** You will have phone access to credentialed financial planners who can guide you on cash flow concerns, IRS taxpayer relief, government legislation, market volatility, and asset allocation. No pre-work is needed – you can ask your planner any of your most pressing financial questions, including:

- How do I handle unexpected childcare costs?
- What resources can I leverage for unexpected expenses?
- How do I reprioritize my monthly expenses?
- How should I manage my investment portfolio given the market downturn?
- What is the deadline to file my Individual Income Tax Return?
- What government support can I utilize to offset my expenses?
- Is this the right time to use my emergency fund?

You have until **July 22, 2020** to access these planners, so now is the time to get started.

**Call Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. EST
(844) 522-2065 (Toll-Free)**

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