



Coronavirus (COVID-19) **Situation Report:** April 23, 2020

National/State Situation Update:

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): [website](#)

Pennsylvania State Department of Health: [website](#)

NEW: PA Dept. of Health: Hospital Preparedness Dashboard (**Impact on reopening decisions**) [LINK](#)

Delaware County: [website](#); Interactive Delaware County COVID-19 Maps, click [LINK](#)

Williamson College of the Trades, Coronavirus update: [website](#)

John Hopkins University COVID-19 Resource Center: [LINK](#)

Positive COVID-19 cases in: National: (as of 4:00 pm EST): 856,209 (rise of 16,373 from 4/22)
 PA (as of 4:00 pm EST): 37,053 (rise of 1,369 since 4/22)
 Delaware County (as of 4:00 pm EST): 2,963 (rise of 164 since 4/22)

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 announced in his virtual press conference last night (4/22) elements of the reopening plan for the state. Based on a three phased approach that will be implemented regionally in assessing current and trending medical data, the phases are scheduled to be enacted once the current stay-at-home order expires on May 8th. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)

Note 1: The PA Department of Health released a state hospital readiness dashboard today providing hourly updates, by county, on a range of COVID-19 medical assessment topics. This assessment data will help shape the implementation of the regional phased reopening strategy by the Governor's office. To access the dashboard, select this [LINK](#)

Note 2: The college's reopening plan, in alignment with newly released state guidance is available on our coronavirus website ([LINK](#)) under "Latest College Policy. The college remains **CLOSED** with distance education continuing for the remainder of the spring term.

- **NEW:** Governor Tom Wolf encouraged registered voters today to apply for a mail-in ballot for the June 2nd primary election. The governor also announced the Department of State has launched an awareness campaign to inform the public about the new primary election date and how to apply for a mail-in ballot, including sending 4.2 million postcards to primary voters. For more information, please see this [LINK](#)
- **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

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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](#)

Upcoming Events at the College:

- Friday (4/24) at 11:00 am: **Weekly Faculty Teleconference:** Dial in Information: Phone #: (201) 616-0673; Passcode: 335196

Government Topics of Interest:

- 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](#)
- 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](#)

Family Items of Interest

- **NEW:** (Thanks Jeff Zajac): EXPLORE.org is the largest live nature-cam network on the planet. Enjoy the natural world as it unfolds in real time in front of our cameras. EXPLORE.org takes you to the most remote places around the globe, from the plains of Kenya, Africa to the riverbanks of Katmai, Alaska. Explore Live Nature Cams will be sharing live animal cameras, live nature cameras, animal videos, compilation videos, meditation videos and more! Explore is available via their website at (<https://explore.org/livecams>) and on YouTube at (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-2KSeUU5SMCX6XLRD-AEvw>)

Additional Programs for Williamson Employees:

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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