

SITUATION REPORT	INCIDENT	OPERATIONAL PERIOD	REPORTING UNIT	FORM
External	COVID-19	START: 09/28/20 0800 END: 09/28/20 1800	PADOH	ICS 209 - Short

CLEARED FOR PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**CURRENT SITUATION**

PADOH continues coordination efforts with FEMA, PEMA, and other state agencies through the Department Operations Center (DOC) to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. DOH focus remains on Long-term care facility outbreaks and joint agency planning for potential COVID-19 impacts on the school system.

PADOH updated both the County and PA COVID-19 dashboards to provide public awareness. The county dashboard can be found here: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/County-Dashboard.aspx>
The COVID-19 dashboard can be found here: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Cases.aspx>

Currently, there are **156,826 (+1,594)** positive cases and **8,107 (+4)** deaths in Pennsylvania. **These numbers represent an increase over the last two days.** As of September 28, 2020, there have been positive cases at **977 (+4)** LTC/PCH facilities, 43 jails/prisons, and 338 food industry facilities. 82% of all Pennsylvania positive cases are considered recovered. A recovered case is one that has not been reported as a death and is more than 30 days past the date of the positive test or onset of symptoms.

As of 1600 on September 28, 2020, there were **7,134,874 (+81,703)** cases in the U.S, and **33,224,222 (+576,840)** worldwide. There have been **204,905 (+812)** deaths in the U.S. and **999,298 (+8,825)** throughout the world. **These numbers represent an increase over the last two days.**

Epidemiological investigations and contact tracing continue throughout the state to determine potential exposure of additional persons. The PA state lab has increased capacity to account for the testing surge. Commercial and medical system labs are on-line and testing for COVID-19.

CASE COUNTS**Pennsylvania Counts/Casualties and Distribution**

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County	Cases	Deaths	County	Cases	Deaths	County	Cases	Deaths
Adams	835	26	Elk	73	2	Montour	174	5
Allegheny	12,234	355	Erie	1,552	38	Northampton	4,503	305
Armstrong	439	18	Fayette	803	7	Northumberland	1,039	55
Beaver	1,901	122	Forest	15	0	Perry	223	6
Bedford	242	6	Franklin	1,777	50	Philadelphia	31,636	1,821
Berks	7,091	393	Fulton	50	2	Pike	576	22
Blair	689	18	Greene	188	1	Potter	29	0
Bradford	156	3	Huntingdon	404	6	Schuylkill	1,160	52
Bucks	8,819	607	Indiana	717	12	Snyder	315	4
Butler	1,052	25	Jefferson	112	3	Somerset	219	3
Cambria	579	7	Juniata	191	7	Sullivan	13	0
Cameron	8	0	Lackawanna	2,555	217	Susquehanna	293	28
Carbon	466	28	Lancaster	7,887	458	Tioga	70	3
Centre	2,551	11	Lawrence	531	23	Union	475	6

Chester	6,825	365	Lebanon	2,049	59	Venango	84	1
Clarion	122	3	Lehigh	5,637	353	Warren	43	1
Clearfield	324	6	Luzerne	4,114	190	Washington	1,346	30
Clinton	207	6	Lycoming	694	25	Wayne	234	10
Columbia	893	35	McKean	57	2	Westmoreland	2,246	55
Crawford	308	3	Mercer	735	17	Wyoming	78	8
Cumberland	1,877	77	Mifflin	226	2	York	4,851	156
Dauphin	3,806	181	Monroe	1,797	133			
Delaware	11,422	756	Montgomery	12,209	878			

Source: PA-NEDSS & EDRS

Bed Availability Percentages by HCC Region

	Adult ICU	Medical/ Surgical	Pediatric ICU	Pediatric	Airborne Isolation
Statewide	27.4	23.2	14.9	39.2	40.9
East Central	28.3	26.6	50.0	41.4	93.6
Southwest	26.3	28.0	21.3	28.9	37.0
Keystone	29.9	20.8	16.7	40.6	48.5
North Central	27.0	45.4	N/A	60.0	72.5
Northeast	13.0	11.2	38.5	17.3	42.6
Northern Tier	23.3	30.1	N/A	52.0	44.1
Southeast	30.9	20.9	10.4	66.7	27.1

Source: CORVENA

Timeline:

August 6, 2020 – Governor Wolf recommended all Pre-K-12 school and recreational youth sports be postponed until at least January 1, 2021

August 19, 2020 – Contact Tracing Mobile App pilot program begins – app will be available early September

August 25, 2020 – Dr. Levine announced Pennsylvania's COVID-19 Mobile Response Unit, CATE (Community-Accessible Testing and Education), to provide testing and education to minority and underserved communities. Governor Wolf also presented his fall legislative agenda for COVID-19 support and recovery.

September 1, 2020 – Governor Wolf signed the second renewal of the COVID-19 Disaster Declaration for State Response and Recovery. All DHS licensed care facilities completed universal testing by the August 31, 2020 deadline.

September 3, 2020 – Secretary Levine released updated skilled nursing facility guidance, including updated routine testing strategies

September 8, 2020 – Governor Wolf announced that restaurants can increase indoor occupancy back to 50% starting September 21, 2020

September 22, 2020 – Governor Wolf and Secretary Levine announced the launch of the COVID Alert PA app, which uses Bluetooth technology to let a person know that they have been exposed to COVID-19 without compromising identity or location. Updated guidance regarding testing and visitation for personal care homes, assisted living residents, and private intermediate care facilities was also released.

September 25, 2020 – Secretary Levine announced the closing of the remaining nine Walmart drive-thru COVID-19 testing sites across the state at close of business due to steadily decreasing registrations. DOH has also contracted with AMI Expeditionary Healthcare to provide pop-up COVID-19 testing sites in Centre and Columbia County.

Additional chronology of DOH actions and announcements is available at: <https://www.media.pa.gov/Pages/Health.aspx>

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Delivery of resources ongoing
- Continued work towards planning for site assessments and universal testing at LTC facilities
- Continued development/enhancement of the Universal Testing Request process
- Ongoing revisions/edits for COVID-19 Vaccine Plan draft

CHALLENGES

- Addressing PPE issues
- Addressing needs of LTC facilities and other congregate settings

PLANNED ACTIVITIES (NEXT 24 – 72 HOURS)

- County and Municipal Health Department calls held weekly, as needed
- Coordinate messaging and information requests from state agencies
- Disseminate a health alert (HAN) on updated CDC guidance as necessary
- Continue local and regional planning support efforts with partner state agencies

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Effective June 28, 2020, the DOC will be closed on Sundays
- Coronavirus informational webpage on PA DOH website live [here](#)
- Public inquiry resource account: RA-DHCOVIDQUESTIONS@pa.gov