

SITUATION REPORT	INCIDENT	OPERATIONAL PERIOD	REPORTING UNIT	FORM
External	COVID-19	START: 10/08/20 0800 END: 10/08/20 1600	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 educational institutions.

Currently, there are **167,928 (+1,376)** positive cases and **8,299 (+27)** deaths in Pennsylvania. As of 1200 October 8, 2020, there have been positive cases at **999 (+5)** LTC/PCH facilities, 43 jails/prisons, and **345 (+5)** food industry facilities. 81% 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 1530 on October 7, 2020, there were **7,586,904 (+52,928)** cases in the U.S, and **36,349,500 (+369,213)** worldwide. There have been **212,420 (+928)** deaths in the U.S. and **1,058,698 (+6,491)** throughout the world.

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.

Gov. Wolf and Sec. Levine announced 10/6/20 amended sections of the July 15 mitigation orders becoming effective 10/9/20. Amended orders now include a “maximum occupancy calculator” for both indoor and outdoor events. Based on a venue’s established occupancy limit as defined by the NFPA Life Safety Code, venues apply appropriate percentage of occupancy to determine how many attendees are permitted to attend an event or gathering.

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

- As of October 8, 2020, Pennsylvania has **167,928 (+1,375)** positive cases and **8,299 (+27)** deaths

County	Cases	Deaths	County	Cases	Deaths	County	Cases	Deaths
Adams	910	26	Elk	81	2	Montour	226	5
Allegheny	13,024	371	Erie	1,707	39	Northampton	4,714	307
Armstrong	484	18	Fayette	850	8	Northumberland	1,227	73
Beaver	2,007	132	Forest	15	1	Perry	257	6
Bedford	273	6	Franklin	1,869	52	Philadelphia	33,535	1849
Berks	7,564	404	Fulton	57	2	Pike	600	22
Blair	837	19	Greene	198	1	Potter	34	0
Bradford	279	6	Huntingdon	500	6	Schuylkill	1,320	61
Bucks	9,172	621	Indiana	819	12	Snyder	408	10
Butler	1,199	25	Jefferson	126	3	Somerset	259	3
Cambria	705	7	Juniata	199	8	Sullivan	15	0
Cameron	8	0	Lackawanna	2,799	216	Susquehanna	320	28
Carbon	492	29	Lancaster	8,368	461	Tioga	103	3
Centre	3,291	12	Lawrence	593	23	Union	577	7
Chester	7,203	370	Lebanon	2,245	62	Venango	110	1
Clarion	150	3	Lehigh	5,875	357	Warren	46	1

Clearfield	350	7	Luzerne	4,277	190	Washington	1,484	30
Clinton	219	6	Lycoming	795	26	Wayne	260	12
Columbia	976	36	McKean	66	2	Westmoreland	2,608	59
Crawford	334	3	Mercer	797	24	Wyoming	81	8
Cumberland	2,021	77	Mifflin	257	2	York	5,300	176
Dauphin	4,048	182	Monroe	1,848	134			
Delaware	11,912	758	Montgomery	12,645	886			

Source: PA-NEDSS & EDRS

Bed Availability Percentages by HCC Region

	Adult ICU	Medical/ Surgical	Pediatric ICU	Pediatric	Airborne Isolation
Statewide	21.5	17.8	8.4	33.0	37.9
East Central	15	9.1	21.4	17.2	89.7
Southwest	23.4	23.1	8.3	16.3	31.7
Keystone	20.3	12.9	11.1	37.4	46.3
North Central	28.7	31	N/A	60.0	73.7
Northeast	7.5	9.0	7.7	19.7	42.3
Northern Tier	25.5	24.9	N/A	57.8	43.3
Southeast	23.0	17.6	7.5	59.2	25.2

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 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.

October 1, 2020 - PADOH no longer coordinates distribution of Remdesivir (Veklury). Healthcare facilities can procure the medication direct from the vendor.

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
- [The DOC will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2020, in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day \(Columbus Day\)](#)
- Coronavirus informational webpage on PA DOH website live [here](#)
- Public inquiry resource account: RA-DHCOVIDQUESTIONS@pa.gov