

SITUATION REPORT	INCIDENT	OPERATIONAL PERIOD	REPORTING UNIT	FORM
External	COVID-19	START: 04/16/20 0800 END: 04/16/20 2000	PADOH	ICS 209 - Short

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**CURRENT SITUATION**

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on March 11, 2020.

PADOH continues coordination efforts with FEMA, PEMA, and other state agencies through the Department Operations Center (DOC) to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

Currently, there are [27,735](#) positive cases and [707](#) deaths in Pennsylvania.

As of 1800 on April 16, 2020, there were [658,263](#) cases in the U.S, and [2,138,763](#) worldwide. There have been [32,186](#) deaths in the U.S. and [143,725](#) 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.

Governor Wolf ordered statewide school closings beginning March 16, 2020. On March 19th, Governor Wolf ordered all non-life sustaining business to close.

On March 25, 2020, PA Legislature passed \$50 million in funding to help aid the health care system in providing more medical equipment and supplies and to meet urgent needs of patients and staff. On March 28, 2020, the Wolf administration received USDA approval for COVID-19 Disaster Food Distribution. On March 30, 2020, the White House approved a major disaster declaration for PA.

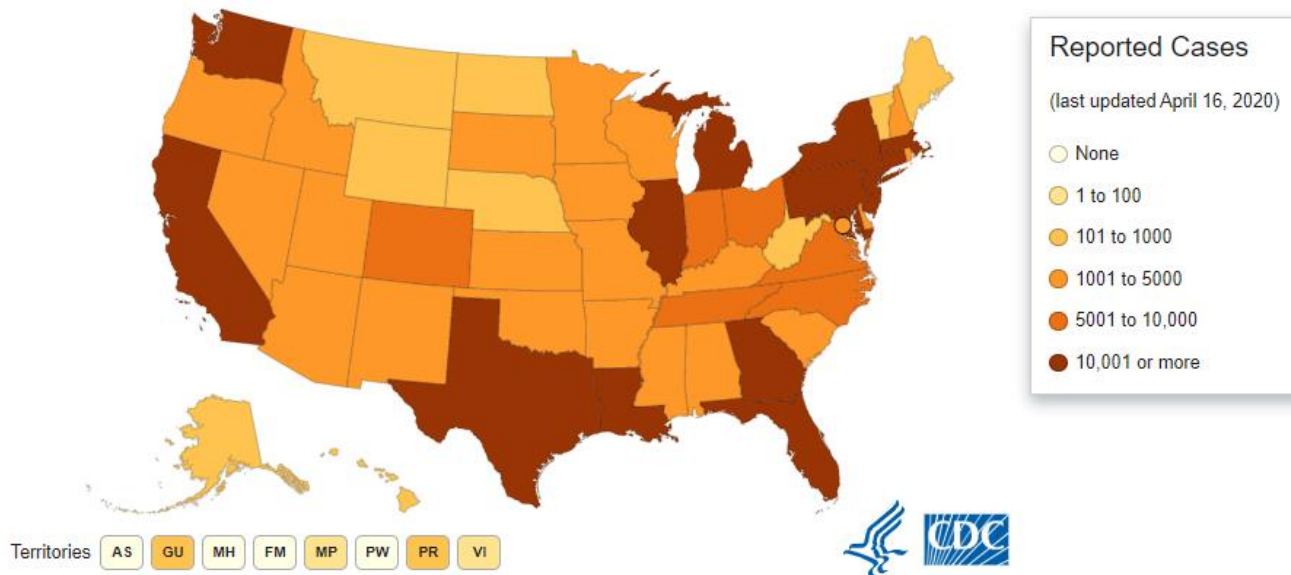
On April 1, 2020, Governor Wolf expanded the stay-at-home order to include the entire commonwealth. On April 3, 2020, Governor Wolf announced that as many people as possible should wear a nonmedical or homemade mask when leaving their homes.

On April 8, 2020, Governor Wolf signed an order to distribute and transfer PPE/medical supplies between medical facilities to provide critical aid to those in need. On April 10, Governor Wolf signed an executive order authorizing the early release of 1,800 inmates from state prisons to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

On April 15, 2020, Dr. Levine signed an order directing protections for critical workers who are employed at businesses that are authorized to maintain in-person operations during the COVID-19 disaster emergency.

*\* Data sources: WHO, CDC, ECDC, NHC and DXY and local media reports*

## States Reporting Cases of COVID-19 to CDC\*

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- DOH State Lab is currently testing specimens for SARS-CoV-2
- Montgomery, Delaware, Bucks, Philadelphia, Erie, Allegheny, South Central, Chester, and Allentown Medical Reserve Corps activated
- Participated in joint planning meetings with PEMA on public health missions
- Delivery of resources ongoing
- DOH and PEMA established Operational Synch Matrix process
- BOL testing – no backlog
- Medical surge planning conducted, and CSC guidance released
- Planning for Alternate Care Sites ongoing
- MRC recruitment and vetting of MRC volunteers
- Spanish menu launched for PAHEALTH line
- Survey for facilities to report supplies and materials in compliance with the Governor’s order went live April 11, 2020; facilities will have until April 16, 2020 to report
- Version 2 of the Interim Crisis Standards of Care Plan published on April 11, 2020
- Walkthrough of NE CBTS completed
- PPE distribution information disseminated

**CHALLENGES**

- National guidance is evolving. Keep partners informed as it changes
- Assessing supply chain issues
- Addressing PPE issues
- Addressing needs of LTC facilities and other congregate settings

**PLANNED ACTIVITIES (NEXT 24 – 72 HOURS)**

- Continue development of COVID-19 Response & Mitigation Plan
- Conduct daily executive briefings
- Continue/Enhance Joint Information Center in coordination with agency partners
- Coordinate GIS Data and layers of information for dashboard, in conjunction with PEMA
- Healthcare Coordination calls held weekly on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays
- 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
- Continue development of media campaign to improve general public awareness
- Developing KC Just-In-Time Training Plan
- Keep KC Incident updated

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Coronavirus informational webpage on PA DOH website live [here](#)
- Public inquiry resource account: [RA-DHCOVIDQUESTIONS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-DHCOVIDQUESTIONS@pa.gov)