Department of Health Provides Update on COVID-19, 531 New Positives Bring Statewide Total to 2,218

Harrisburg, PA- The Pennsylvania Department of Health today confirmed as of 12:00 a.m., March 27, that there are 531 additional positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the statewide total to 2,218 in 50 counties. The department also reported <mark>six</mark> new deaths among positive cases, bringing the statewide total to 22. County-specific information and a statewide map are available here. All people are either in isolation at home or being treated at the hospital.

"Our notable increase in cases over the past few days indicate we need everyone to take COVID-19 seriously," Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine said. "Pennsylvanians have a very important job right now: stay calm, stay home and stay safe. We have seen case counts continue to increase and the best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to stay home."

There are 21,016 patients who have tested negative to date. Of the patients who have tested positive to date the age breakdown is as follows:

- Less than 1% are aged 0-4;
- Less than 1% are aged 5-12;
- Nearly 2% are aged 13-18;
- 11% are aged 19-24;
- 40% are aged 25-49;
- Nearly 28% are aged 50-64; and
- 18% are aged 65 or older.

Most of the patients hospitalized are aged 25-49, and most of the deaths have occurred in patients 65 or older. There have been no pediatric deaths to date. More data is available here.

All non-life-sustaining businesses are ordered to be closed and schools are closed statewide at least through April 6. Currently 10 counties are under stay-at-home orders.

Statewide – The Wolf Administration has announced since noon, March 25:

- Launched critical medical supplies procurement portal.
- Announced $50 Million to Fight COVID-19.
- Urged USDA to waive food assistance eligibility requirements.
- Released business closure order enforcement data from Pennsylvania State Police.

For the latest information for individuals, families, businesses and schools, visit "Responding to COVID-19" on pa.gov.

The Wolf Administration stresses the role Pennsylvanians play in helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Cover any coughs or sneezes with your elbow, not your hands.
- Clean surfaces frequently.
- Stay home to avoid spreading COVID-19, especially if you are unwell.

Updated Coronavirus Links: Press Releases, State Lab Photos, Graphics

- For the daily COVID-19 Report, visit [here](#).
- For all press releases regarding coronavirus, please visit [here](#).
- Find the latest information on the coronavirus [here](#).
- Photos of the state's lab in Exton are available for download and use [here](#).
- Coronavirus and preparedness graphics are available here near the bottom of the page: [here](#)
- Community preparedness and procedures materials are available [here](#).
- **For an updated map with the number of cases, visit [here](#).**

All Pennsylvania residents are encouraged to sign up for AlertPA, a text notification system for health, weather, and other important alerts like COVID-19 updates from commonwealth agencies. Residents can sign up online at www.ready.pa.gov/BeInformed/Signup-For-Alerts.