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Department of Health Provides Update on COVID-19, 866 Positives Bring Statewide Total to 66,258

Harrisburg, PA - The Pennsylvania Department of Health today confirmed as of 12:00 a.m., May 22, that there are 866 additional positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the statewide total to 66,258. All 67 counties in Pennsylvania have cases of COVID-19.

There are 4,984 total deaths attributed to COVID-19, an increase of 115 new deaths. County-specific information and a statewide map are available here.

"As counties move from red to yellow, we need all Pennsylvanians to continue to follow the social distancing and mitigation efforts in place," Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine said. "We must continue to protect our most vulnerable Pennsylvanians, which includes our seniors, those with underlying health issues, our healthcare workers and our first responders. I am proud of the work that Pennsylvanians have done so far, but we cannot stop now, we must continue to take the necessary steps to protect ourselves from COVID-19."

There are 481 patients who have a positive serology test and either COVID-19 symptoms or a high-risk exposure, which are considered probable cases and not confirmed cases. There are 312,743 patients who have tested negative to date. Of the patients who have tested positive to date the age breakdown is as follows:

- Nearly 1% are ages 0-4;
- Nearly 1% are ages 5-12;
- Nearly 2% are ages 13-18;
- Nearly 6% are ages 19-24;
- Nearly 37% are ages 25-49;
- Nearly 26% are ages 50-64; and
- Nearly 29% are ages 65 or older.

Most of the patients hospitalized are ages 65 or older, and most of the deaths have occurred in patients 65 or older. More data is available here.

In nursing and personal care homes, there are 14,291 resident cases of COVID-19, and 2,377 cases among employees, for a total of 16,668 at 578 distinct facilities in 44 counties. Out of our total deaths, 3,275 have occurred in residents from nursing or personal care facilities. A county breakdown can be found here.

Approximately 4,969 of our total cases are in health care workers.

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

Non-life-sustaining businesses in the red phase are ordered to be closed and schools are closed statewide through the remainder of the academic year. Currently, 49 counties are in the yellow phase of reopening.

Statewide – The Wolf Administration has since noon, May 21:

- Provided an update from Pennsylvania State Police on business closure enforcement actions.
- Reopening orders updated for 12 counties moving to yellow phase on May 22.
- Awarded $9.6 million in grants to help charitable food system.
- Signed cocktails-to-go bill.
- Released latest CMU metrics report.

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.
- If you must go out for a life-sustaining reason, please wear a mask.

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

- Daily COVID-19 Report
- Press releases regarding coronavirus
- Latest information on the coronavirus
- Photos of the state's lab in Exton (for download and use)
- Coronavirus and preparedness graphics (located at the bottom of the page)
- Community preparedness and procedures materials
- Map with the number of COVID-19 cases

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.