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Department of Health Provides Update on COVID-19: Highest Daily Increase of 5,488 Additional Positives Brings Statewide Total to 248,856

Pennsylvanians Urged to Download COVID Alert PA App

Harrisburg, PA - The Pennsylvania Department of Health today confirmed as of 12:00 a.m., November 12, that there were 5,488 additional positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the statewide total to 248,856. This is the highest daily increase of cases.

The most accurate [daily data is available on the website](#), with [archived data also available](#).

The number of tests administered within the last 7 days between November 5 and November 11 is 331,492 with 25,702 positive cases. There were 50,997 test results reported to the department through 10 p.m., November 11. This is a record high number of PCR test results reported to the department.

As of 11:59 p.m., Wednesday November 11, there were 49 new deaths reported for a total of 9,194 deaths attributed to COVID-19. County-specific information and a statewide map are available on the [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#).

Mask-wearing is required in all businesses and whenever leaving home. Consistent mask-wearing is critical to preventing the spread of COVID-19.

There are 7,189 individuals who have a positive viral antigen test and are considered probable cases and 645 individuals who have a positive serology test and either COVID-19 symptoms or a high-risk exposure.

There are 2,506,649 individuals who have tested negative to date. Of those who have tested positive to date the age breakdown is as follows:

- Approximately 1% are ages 0-4;
- Approximately 2% are ages 5-12;
- Approximately 5% are ages 13-18;
- Approximately 13% are ages 19-24;
- Approximately 36% are ages 25-49;

- Approximately 21% are ages 50-64; and
- Approximately 20% are ages 65 or older.

There are 2,080 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. Of that number, 438 patients are in the intensive care unit with COVID-19. 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](#).

The department has seen significant increases in the number of COVID-19 cases among younger age groups, particularly 19 to 24-year-olds. [An alert was sent to healthcare providers](#) about the changing COVID-19 case demographics. Increases among 19 to 24-year-olds from April to present in November are available below:

- NC – Approximately 7 percent of cases in April to approximately 20 percent of cases so far in November;
- NE – 6 percent of cases in April to nearly 14 percent of cases so far in November;
- SE – Nearly 5 percent of cases in April to nearly 11 percent of cases so far in November;
- SW – Approximately 5 percent of cases in April to approximately 11 percent of cases so far in November;
- NW – Nearly 7 percent of cases in April to approximately 11 percent of cases so far in November; and
- SC – Approximately 7 percent of cases in April to approximately 9 percent of cases so far in November.

In nursing and personal care homes, there are 28,576 resident cases of COVID-19, and 5,972 cases among employees, for a total of 34,548 at 1,132 distinct facilities in 63 counties. Out of our total deaths, 5,999 have occurred in residents from nursing or personal care facilities. A county breakdown can be found [here](#).

Approximately 13,202 of our total cases are among health care workers.

Statewide – The Wolf Administration has since noon, Nov. 11:

- Provided [Pennsylvania State Police enforcement data](#).

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, you are required to wear a mask when in a business or where it is difficult to maintain proper social distancing.
- Download the COVID Alert PA app and make your phone part of the fight. The free app can be found in the [Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple App Store](#) by searching for “covid alert pa”.

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](#)

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/BelInformed/Signup-For-Alerts.

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