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Department of Health Provides Update on COVID-19: 2,440 Patients Hospitalized and 531 Patients in the Intensive Care Unit

Harrisburg, PA - The Pennsylvania Department of Health today confirmed as of 12:00 a.m., November 16, that there were 4,476 new cases, in addition to 5,199 new cases reported Sunday, November 15 for a two-day total of 9,675 additional positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the statewide total to 269,613.

There are 2,440 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. Of that number, 531 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](#).

Statewide percent positivity for the week of November 6 – November 12 stood at 9.6%.

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 9 and November 15 is 366,285 with 35,355 positive cases. There were 43,106 test results reported to the department through 10 p.m., November 13 and 60,982 test results reported to the department through 10 p.m., November 14.

As of 11:59 p.m., Saturday November 14, there were 38 new deaths and as of 11:59 p.m., Sunday November 15, there were 13 new deaths reported for a total of 9,325 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 8,655 individuals who have a positive viral antigen test and are considered probable cases and 644 individuals who have a positive serology test and either COVID-19 symptoms or a high-risk exposure.

There are 2,573,621 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
- Nearly 20% are ages 65 or older.

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 19 percent of cases so far in November;
- NE – 6 percent of cases in April to approximately 13 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 nearly 11 percent of cases so far in November;
- SC – Approximately 7 percent of cases in April to nearly 9 percent of cases so far in November; and
- NW – Nearly 7 percent of cases in April to approximately 11 percent of cases so far in November.

In nursing and personal care homes, there are 29,774 resident cases of COVID-19, and 6,141 cases among employees, for a total of 35,915 at 1,158 distinct facilities in 63 counties. Out of our total deaths, 6,070 have occurred in residents from nursing or personal care facilities. A county breakdown can be found [here](#).

Approximately 13,527 of our total cases are among health care workers.

Statewide – The Wolf Administration has since noon, Nov. 15:

- 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/BeInformed/Signup-For-Alerts.

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