

## Pennsylvania State Orders – Updated August 18

**Stay at Home/Shelter in Place Order:** expired statewide May 8 – Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lehigh, Northampton, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties remain under the order through June 4. \*\*Guidelines for essential business and operations employers can be found [here](#).

**August 18:** [Pennsylvania](#) reported only 384 new cases of the [coronavirus](#) on Monday, August 17, but the count doesn't reflect any cases in Philadelphia due to a data reporting issue. The state's now recorded at least 124,844 cases of COVID-19 and [7,468 deaths](#), according to the [Pennsylvania Department of Health's](#) daily update. This marks the second time since March the state's reported no new deaths, but the overall rate of deaths has been climbing in recent weeks. About two-thirds of the state's fatalities have been long-term care facility residents ([source](#)).

Pennsylvania plans to launch a coronavirus exposure-notification app in early September in an effort to more quickly to break chains of transmission by using the new technology to notify people who may have been exposed, officials said Monday. The state has a \$1.9 million contract to deploy and maintain the app with software developer NearForm Ltd, the Ireland-based company whose app there has been downloaded by more than one-fourth of that country's residents ([source](#)).

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has updated its COVID-19 travel advisory list, removing five states. The department removed Iowa, Nebraska, North Carolina, Utah and Wisconsin from the list. The updated list now includes the following states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. The state recommends self-quarantining for 14 days if you travel to any of the 15 states listed above ([source](#)).

Students over the age of 2 will be required to wear face coverings for nearly the entire school day under Pennsylvania's [universal mask order](#), according to a [Department of Education memo](#) released this week. There will be a limited number of instances in which students will be allowed to remove their face coverings, according to the memo. These include while eating or drinking, or during an activity that makes mask-wearing unsafe. Students can also take their masks off during 10-minute "face-covering breaks" ([source](#)).

**August 13:** As of 12 p.m. Aug. 12, 2020, the Pa. Department of Health reports that there are 121,130 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania. There are at least 7,385 reported deaths from the virus. [According to Johns Hopkins University](#), 92,616 of those cases recovered from the virus ([source](#)).

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**August 11:** [Pennsylvania](#) reported 601 new [coronavirus](#) cases and three more deaths on Monday, August 10. The daily report from the [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#) brings the state's total case count to 119,453 with a [COVID-19 death toll](#) of 7,317. The 601 new cases of [COVID-19](#) reported Monday are Pennsylvania's fewest in a day since Aug. 3, exactly one week earlier. Both reports came off a weekend, when the number of reported cases and deaths typically drops off. Looking at the longer trend, the state's seven-day average of new cases on Monday was 757, down from 842 a week ago ([source](#)).

On August 10, Gov. Wolf announced that \$96 million in state grants have been awarded to 4,933 Pennsylvania small businesses that were impacted by the COVID-19 public health crisis and subsequent business closure order ([source](#)).

Gov. Tom Wolf announced recently that \$10 million is now available for Pennsylvania businesses that have worked to maintain access to fresh, healthy food throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The Fresh Food Financing Initiative COVID-19 Relief Fund — funded through the CARES Act — is available to for-profit, nonprofit, or cooperative entities impacted by COVID-19, including grocery stores, corner stores, convenience stores, neighborhood markets, bodegas, food hubs, mobile markets, farmers markets, on-farm markets, urban farms and food aggregation centers with a direct connection to direct-to-consumer retail outlets ([source](#)).

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**August 4:** For the first time since March, [Pennsylvania](#) has reported no new deaths from the [coronavirus](#), holding the state's [COVID-19 death toll](#) at 7,209. At the same time, the number of [Pa. coronavirus cases](#) increased by 565, according to the daily report from the state health department. The statewide case count is now up to 114,155 ([source](#)).

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**July 29:** [Coronavirus](#) cases in [Pennsylvania](#) have surpassed 110,000 as the rate of new infections continues to rise. The 834 new positives reported on July 29 put the state's total case count at 110,218 since the pandemic was first identified here in March. Sixteen more deaths were reported, putting the [Pa. COVID-19 death toll](#) at 7,162 ([source](#)).

The Health Department has cited 14 counties with a “concerning” percentage of tests coming back positive. Those counties are scattered throughout the state and include Beaver, Armstrong, Franklin, Mercer, Allegheny, Lawrence, Chester, Philadelphia, Fayette, York, Dauphin, Delaware, Bedford and Greene ([source](#)).

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**July 26:** Travelers from several U.S. states are now being asked to quarantine if they come to Pennsylvania as the coronavirus continues to spread outside most of the Northeast. The list of states now stands at 20 where COVID-19 test rates are higher than 10 positive cases per 100,000 residents or a state with a positivity rate higher than 10% over a seven-day rolling average. Two states were added Friday, July 24. Among those were added were Missouri and Wyoming. Delaware, which had been previously added, was removed the list ([source](#)).

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As of 12 p.m. **July 20, 2020**, the Pa. Department of Health reports that there are 101,738 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania. There are at least 7,018 reported deaths from the virus ([source](#)).

Pennsylvania has launched a new program that will provide \$10 million in grants to convenience stores, supermarkets, bodegas, co-ops, farmers markets and other food retailers hit by the [coronavirus pandemic](#) ([source](#)).

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**On July 15**, Gov. Wolf announced more COVID-19 mitigation efforts targeting restaurants, bars and gatherings as a result of rising cases. Under the order, restaurants' indoor capacity will be reduced to 25% while alcohol consumption will be limited to service with meals only. Establishments that do not serve food are ordered to close, Wolf said. Wolf said current outdoor dining guidelines remain in place and cocktails-to-go and carry-out beverages will continue to be allowed. Additionally, telework must be implemented whenever possible while indoor gatherings are limited to 25 people and outdoor gatherings may have a maximum of 250 people. Masks are required to be worn while inside all businesses and when leaving your home ([source](#)).

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health now lists 97,665 people with the coronavirus infection in the state on Wednesday, July 15. There were 994 new cases reported statewide ([source](#)).

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**July 13:** The Pennsylvania Department of Health says the spike in COVID-19 cases is mainly related to younger people traveling and socializing. The spike prompted the department to send out an emergency warning. The alert, titled "Changing Epidemiology of COVID-19 Case Demographics," was sent to health care providers over the weekend ([source](#)).

Philadelphia officials are expected to announce that all large, public events will not be permitted through the end of February, spelling a fall and winter without the Broad Street Run, the Thanksgiving Day parade or the Mummers parade ([source](#)).

State health officials in Pennsylvania have added four states — including neighboring Delaware — to the travel quarantine recommendation aimed at stemming the spread of covid-19 in the commonwealth. Officials said people who have traveled to Delaware, Iowa, Kansas and Oklahoma are being asked to self-quarantine for 14 days upon their return to Pennsylvania ([source](#)).

On July 9, Gov. Wolf announced that \$10 million is now available for Pennsylvania businesses that have worked to maintain access to fresh, healthy food throughout the COVID-19 pandemic ([source](#)).

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**July 8:** The Philadelphia Department of Public Health has updated its recently issued travel guidance, advising Philadelphians to avoid travel to 18 states where incidents of COVID-19 are relatively high based on population size ([source](#)).

Philadelphia officials are informing city business owners that the deadline to apply to the federal Paycheck Protection Program has been extended to August 8. Businesses in need of a PPP loan must [submit applications to a local lender](#) ([source](#)).

The [Allegheny County Health Department](#) has issued a new two-week order to stem the spread of COVID-19 in the area. The new order, issued by Dr. Debra Bogen, goes into effect at 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 10, and doesn't expire until July 24. This comes after [three straight days of more than 200 new COVID-19 cases](#) in Allegheny County ([source](#)).

**June 3:** In an effort to slow the spread, Pennsylvania has joined New Jersey and Philadelphia in issuing a travel advisory. Officials said if you have traveled, or plan to travel, to an area where there are high

amounts of COVID-19 cases, it is recommended that you stay at home for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania. If you travel to the following states, you will need to quarantine for 14 days upon return: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Utah ([source](#)).

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**June 30:** Philadelphia paused some of its reopening plans as new cases of the coronavirus increase and did not allow indoor dining or gyms and fitness centers to open July 2 as previously planned. The city did allow indoor shopping malls, casinos, museums and libraries to open July 2, with strict mask-wearing requirements and other health precautions in place ([source](#)).

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**On July 1,** Pennsylvania officials announced that residents must wear face coverings when outside the home, the latest in a series of mask mandates in various states to combat the spread of COVID-19. The Pennsylvania order takes effect immediately and builds on an April directive requiring masks to be worn inside businesses ([source](#)).

Philadelphia officials are urging residents to avoid travel to places currently burdened by the escalating coronavirus pandemic. On June 30, Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley said that residents should not travel to 15 states and that, if they do, they should self-quarantine afterward. Those states are Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina Tennessee, Texas and Utah ([source](#)).

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**June 28:** Pennsylvania logged 621 new cases on Saturday (June 27) and 600 on Friday (June 26) — levels of new cases that hadn't been seen in several weeks. The state reported 505 new cases on Sunday (June 28) and 492 on Monday (June 29) ([source](#)).

[Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine said the Allegheny County upturn](#) involves many young people who had socialized in bars, including some who had traveled to southern states that are seeing major outbreaks. Many had been in situations where people weren't wearing masks, she said. The situation prompted Allegheny health officials to [ban on-site alcohol sales at bars and restaurants](#) ([source](#)).

Only [Lebanon County](#) remains in the yellow phase. County leaders there decided to [reopen in May](#), ahead of the state's recommendations and subsequently saw cases trend upward. However, on June 26, Gov. [Tom Wolf](#) announced that Lebanon County will indeed join the green phase counties on July 3, completing the statewide transition ([source](#)).

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On June 19, Gov. Wolf announced that 12 more counties will move to the green phase of reopening from the COVID-19 pandemic at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, June 26. These counties include Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Erie, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia and Susquehanna ([source](#)).

On June 16, Gov. Wolf announced the availability of \$40 million in funding through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to support Pennsylvania's dairy industry and food security programs, following months of uncertainty and loss from the COVID-19 pandemic ([source](#)).

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On June 17, Gov. Wolf touted new data from the CDC that shows Pennsylvania is one of just three states that has had a downward trajectory of COVID-19 cases for more than 42 days ([source](#)).

In nursing and personal care homes, there are 16,774 resident cases of COVID-19, and 2,966 cases among employees, for a total of 19,740 at 649 distinct facilities in 47 counties. Out of the total state deaths, 4,331 have occurred in residents from nursing or personal care facilities. A county breakdown can be found [here](#) ([source](#)).

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**June 12:** Hershey park announced that it will resume operations on July 3 with several health and safety guidelines in place to further mitigate the spread of the coronavirus ([source](#)).

On June 12, Gov. Wolf announced that eight more counties will move to the green phase of reopening from the COVID-19 pandemic at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, June 19. These counties include Dauphin, Franklin, Huntingdon, Luzerne, Monroe, Perry, Pike and Schuylkill ([source](#)).

On June 11, Gov. Wolf and Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine signed amended green phase orders for the 12 counties moving to green at 12:01 a.m. tomorrow, June 12. The counties include Adams, Beaver, Carbon, Columbia, Cumberland, Juniata, Mifflin, Northumberland, Union, Wayne, Wyoming and York ([source](#)).

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**June 9:** The Pennsylvania House and Senate, both controlled by Republicans, passed a resolution June 9 purporting to override Wolf's coronavirus disaster declaration and directing the governor to "issue an executive order or proclamation ending the state of disaster emergency" ([source](#)).

Athletes, as well as faithful mini-golfers, tennis players and horseback riders, received some good news on June 10 as Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf allowed for professional, college, high school and youth sports to resume, and lifted restrictions on other outdoor venues. The updated guidance regarding the types of outdoor recreation that businesses may offer during the yellow and green phases of reopening can be found [here](#) ([source](#)).

Pennsylvania's own recreational facilities are reopening to the public, with facilities in state parks and forests such as cabins, cottages, lodges and yurts opening statewide on Friday, June 12, and most state park swimming pools in yellow phase and green phase counties reopening as of Saturday, June 13. As of Saturday, June 6, all 58 state park beaches are open to swimming ([source](#)).

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**June 8:** Pennsylvania's nursing homes are being directed to complete baseline coronavirus testing by July 24, Gov. Tom Wolf's administration announced on June 8 ([source](#)).

On June 5, Gov. Wolf announced that 12 more Pennsylvania counties (Adams, Beaver, Carbon, Columbia, Cumberland, Juniata, Mifflin, Northumberland, Union, Wayne, Wyoming and York) will move into the green phase of his pandemic reopening plan, taking effect June 12 ([source](#)).

On June 8, Governor Tom Wolf announced that his administration [launched an enhanced dashboard](#) to pull Pennsylvania's COVID-19 data and information together to inform Pennsylvanians. The dashboard further enhances data on demographics of cases, demographics of deaths and the reopening status ([source](#)).

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**June 3:** Gov. Tom Wolf said he's going to allow his stay-at-home order to expire as of 11:59 p.m. June 4. Wolf had indicated he would allow the last 10 counties under the stay-at-home order, including the Philadelphia region, to be partially reopened by Friday. Now, Wolf indicated on June 3 that he is making it official as coronavirus cases drop ([source](#)).

According to preliminary guidance issued by Education Secretary Pedro Rivera, pre-K-12 schools in counties that have reached either the "green" or "yellow" phase of the [state's coronavirus reopening plan](#) may resume in-person instruction on July 1, while colleges in those counties can restart in-person learning on Friday ([source](#)).

Governor Wolf also renewed the COVID-19 disaster declaration [originally signed on March 6](#). The declaration was slated to end on June 4 ([source](#)).

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**Restaurants:** On May 27, Gov. Wolf announced that restaurants across the Philadelphia can start preparing to serve patrons on their premises once again, come June 5, when all counties enter the "yellow" phase of Pennsylvania's reopening process ([source](#)).

Carry-out, delivery and drive-through food and beverage service only for counties currently in the red and yellow phases of reopening. Counties in the green phase may reopen bars and restaurants for dine-in service and outdoor service if they follow the appropriate [guidelines](#).

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On April 29, The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture reviewed the Food and Drug Administration's temporary policy regarding nutrition labeling during the COVID-19 public health crisis and provided clarity behind new items for sale in Pennsylvania's grocery stores and restaurants ([source](#)).

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