

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



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## **SITUATION REPORT NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COVID-19 DATE: 03/30/2020**

Northumberland County Department of Public Safety and Office of Emergency Management continues actively monitoring the developments of the Coronavirus outbreak through several sources coordinated by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the PA Dept of Health.

We continue to take a proactive approach to carefully monitor and prepare for this situation as information is provided and will continue in that direction.

The County Commissioners as well as the county task force remain very engaged. The Commissioners continue to be engaged with the surrounding counties of Columbia, Montour Snyder and Union in collaborating efforts and support to bring awareness to the COVID-19.

Northumberland County Department of Public Safety continues to monitor the situation in an enhanced watch with staff monitoring day to day events. The Emergency Management Coordinator continues monitoring updates and situations reports after hours.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health today confirmed as of 12:00 a.m., March 30, that there are 693 additional positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the statewide total to 4,087 in 59 counties. The department also reported 11 new deaths among positive cases, bringing the statewide total to 49. County-specific information and a statewide map are available [here](#). All people are either in isolation at home or being treated at the hospital.

The governor has requested a major disaster declaration from the President through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide additional support for state, county and municipal governments and certain nonprofits, as well as individuals who are struggling during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The commonwealth and the county continue discouraging travel to activities and encouraging all to exercise discretion in order to prevent the spread of illness.

With the addition of testing facilities throughout the commonwealth additional positive cases are increasing as expected and are seen on a daily bases.

Northumberland County Government continues to assess times of services. There is still no expectation to shut down or close offices, critical services within and throughout the county will remain as normal operations.

- As of this date, there is 1 case in Northumberland County.
- There are several cases in surrounding counties

The Department of Public Safety continues to work closely with many partners including those in our county, PEMA and the PA DOH, Geisinger and the East Central and North Central PA Healthcare Coalition Regions

Local level briefings and meetings are also being conducted. Northumberland County OEM continues in performing information sharing and planning coordination activities.

Request continue to submitted to the state in regard to unmet needs in relation to providing additional protective equipment to our first responders and for those who treat, transport and provide patient care. We continue to update those request as they are submitted.

This response remains a potential to significant strain our equipment, supplies and personnel resources across the state both from a healthcare perspective and an emergency management perspective.

**National and state guidance continues to be evolving almost daily as seen in the news.**

It is still asked that the public continue to refrain from making panic purchases which only complicates our healthcare system's ability to provide care to those in need from the public. The local stores as well as the larger chain stores ae having difficulty keeping up with stock and essential needs. It is also asked that the public refrain from calling 911 for non-emergency situations or questions related to COVID-19.

Our day-to-day life's do not need to stop, be proactive in trying to stop the spread of this virus by practicing "social distancing".

Take into consideration, we are fighting one of the biggest medical crises in modern history, we are working together.

Any Northumberland County residents with questions, concerns or conditions reports related to COVID-19 are urged to contact the EMA Office at **570-495-4690**

After hours emergency contact/ dispatch is always available at 570-988-4539, for emergencies 911.

We are able to coordinate communications with regional and state-level agencies, partners and resources to address any questions or concerns. Or you may email the EMA Office at [ema@norrycopa.net](mailto:ema@norrycopa.net).

Coronavirus informational webpage on PA DOH website: [www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov)

Northumberland County will maintain a PROACTIVE APPROACH on the CORONAVIRUS and will continue to monitor and maintain situational awareness for the safety and wellbeing of our residents.

In this time of stress and uncertainties we would like to take the time and thank those who continue to protect us, care for us each and every day. A special thanks to our first responders, our health care professionals, those who man the stores drive the trucks and provide services for us each and every day.

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