CURRENT SITUATION

As of January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared COVID-19 a pandemic. As of March 11, 2020, WHO has declared the novel coronavirus a pandemic.

On March 13, 2020, the United States declared a national emergency.

PADOH continues an incident command structure to coordinate monitoring, response, and messaging. The Department Operations Center is located in room 112 of the PEMA building. PADOH is coordinating with other state agencies, as needed. Communications personnel from various agencies have established a virtual Joint Information Center to address inquiries related to COVID-19.

Currently, 117 (+1) countries have confirmed cases of the virus.

As of March 7, 2020, The Pennsylvania DOH State Lab in Exton has confirmed the state’s first presumptive positive COVID-19 cases, and Governor Wolf has signed the COVID-19 Disaster Declaration.

As of 1800, there are 41 (+13) presumptive positive cases in Pennsylvania. Community spread is implicated in several states and cases in long-term care facilities have been noted in Washington state. There are 48 deaths to date in the United States. Staff continues to contact high-risk individuals that have been in contact with presumptive positive cases and PUIs to implement self-quarantines as necessary.

On March 13, 2020, Governor Wolf ordered statewide school closings. Mass closings in Montgomery (starting March 13) and Delaware (starting March 16) counties including all schools, community centers, gyms, entertainment centers, and non-essential retail continues. All critical infrastructure will remain open.

International and National Case Counts and Distribution

As of 1800, March 13, 2020, 140,875 cases have been reported worldwide, with more than 5,300 deaths. The United States reports over 2,100 cases with 48 deaths. *

* Numbers provided today are approximate due to discordance between usual data sources.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- DOH State Lab is currently testing specimens for SARS-CoV-2
- Provided modified monitoring and movement guidance to partners re Iran, South Korea, Italy, and Japan
- Finalized draft procedure for quick response resources for acute care and long-term care facilities
- Continuous contact tracing conducted alongside necessary interviews for at risk contacts
- Drafted a presumptive positive checklist to gather all critical information needed regarding positive lab results
- Set up to receive results from commercial labs
- Additional lab supplies received

CHALLENGES
- National guidance is evolving. Keep partners informed as it changes
- Assessing supply chain issues
- Addressing PPE issues

PLANNED ACTIVITIES (NEXT 24 – 72 HOURS)
- Continue development of COVID-19 Response & Mitigation Plan
- Develop mitigation guidelines for schools and other targeted groups
- Conduct daily executive briefings
- Continue/Enhance Joint Information Center in coordination with agency partners.
- Coordinate GIS Data and layers of information for dashboard, in conjunction with PEMA
- Release new LTC guidance for respiratory outbreak reporting
- Healthcare Coordination calls held weekly on Monday
- County and Municipal Health Department calls held weekly, as needed
- Coordinate messaging and information requests from state agencies
- Disseminate a health alert (HAN) on updated CDC guidance as necessary
- Briefings for external stakeholders ongoing

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- Several universities statewide have reported classes are now remote
- Coronavirus informational webpage on PA DOH website live [here](https://www.doh.pa.gov/Coronavirus/)
- Public inquiry resource account: [RA-DHCOVIDQUESTIONS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-DHCOVIDQUESTIONS@pa.gov)