

SITUATION REPORT	INCIDENT	OPERATIONAL PERIOD	REPORTING UNIT	FORM
External	COVID-19	START: 03/17/20 0830 END: 03/17/20 1800	PADOH	ICS 209 - Short

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CURRENT SITUATION

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (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, 153 countries have confirmed cases of the virus.

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

As of March 17, 2020, there are **96** positive cases in Pennsylvania. Community spread is implicated in several states and cases in long-term care facilities have been noted in Washington state. Staff continues to contact high-risk individuals that have been in contact with positive cases to implement self-quarantine as necessary.

On March 13, 2020, Governor Wolf ordered statewide school closings.

On March 16, 2020, Governor Wolf ordered statewide shutdown of non-essential stores as of midnight, including all community centers, gyms, entertainment centers, and non-essential retail. Bars and restaurants are included, except for takeout and delivery.

International Case Counts and Distribution

As of 1800, March 16, 2020, **196,640** cases have been reported worldwide, with **7,893** deaths.

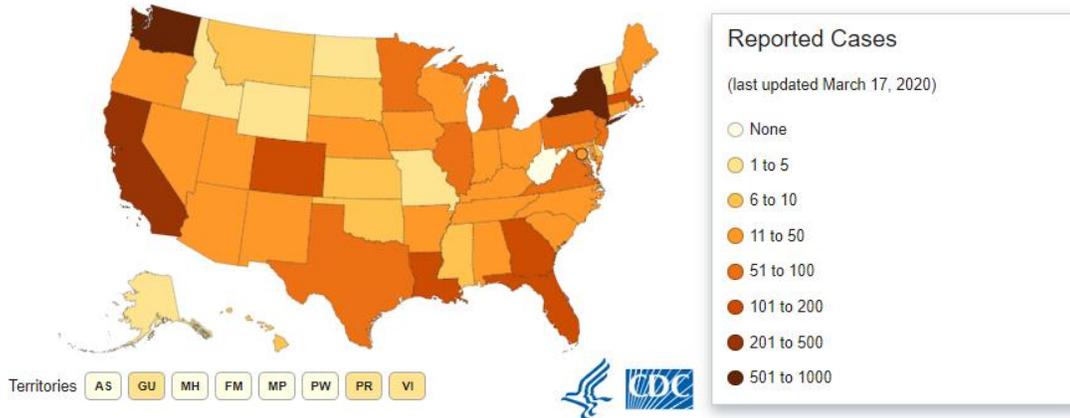
National Case Counts and Distribution

The United States reports **5,894** cases with **97** deaths.

** Data sources: WHO, CDC, ECDC, NHC and DXY and local media reports*

COVID-19 Cases in the U.S.

[Cases in U.S.](#) > [Situation Summary](#) >



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
- Delaware and Montgomery County Medical Reserve Corps activated
- Participated in joint planning meetings with PEMA on public health missions

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
- Continue local and regional planning support efforts with partner state agencies.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Coronavirus informational webpage on PA DOH website live [here](#)

- Public inquiry resource account: RA-DHCOVIDQUESTIONS@pa.gov