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Pennsylvania Increases Testing; Hospitalizations Stable

At a press conference yesterday, state Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine noted that Pennsylvania has increased testing to an average of more than 15,000 per day over the last 30 days and more than 22,000 per day in the last week. This is causing a slight delay in results due to backlog and limited lab capacity. Since March, more than 1 million COVID-19 tests have been conducted.

Levine stated that cases counted are increasing in 43 counties and the percentage of those testing positive has increased in 28 counties. Meanwhile, the number of those hospitalized for COVID remains stable, and the number of patients on ventilators has gone down due to medical practice changes.

Levine noted that while there is a strain on health care systems in a number of other states, Pennsylvania has not and is not seeing any strain. Levine emphasized that the administration does not plan to impose new statewide restrictions or move any county to a yellow or red level. Instead, they believe that local, targeted mitigation actions are more effective.

Levine remarked that in March, the highest number of cases was in the 19-49 age group before it spread to an older population. This younger demographic now represents 45 percent of all cases in Pennsylvania, and there is concern that it will spread to the more vulnerable. Levine urged everyone to stop this cycle by wearing a mask in public and making a choice to stay away from situations where those around you are not social distancing or wearing masks.

PSP Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement Issues Warnings

The Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement announced that its officers visited thousands of licensed liquor establishments July 6-12 to ensure that businesses are abiding by COVID-19 mitigation requirements, including social distancing, masking, and other health and safety requirements of the Liquor Code.

Officers conducted compliance checks at 4,360 licensed liquor establishments and issued 77 warnings for failing to follow COVID-19 requirements. No citations were issued. Compliance checks are unannounced. To view the number of checks and warnings issued by enforcement officers, [click here](#).

Townships Can Track Cases, Hospitalizations by County

Township officials interested in tracking the change in cases and hospitalizations in their county, as well as surrounding counties, can use the [Commonwealth's COVID-19 Early Warning Monitoring System Dashboard](#). Updated each Friday, the dashboard compares cases by county week to week, as well as the percentage of those testing positive, the changes in average daily hospitalizations due to COVID-19, and the percentage of hospital visits due to a COVID-like illness.