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Latest News

[THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19: Census Bureau Survey Reveals Americans' Concern Over Food Security, Loss of Income](#)

Many American households have experienced loss in employment income, are concerned about food security, and have deferred decisions to access health care in the wake of COVID-19, according to results from the U.S. Census Bureau's new household pulse survey. Results reveal that responding adults report feeling anxious or nervous more than half the days last week or nearly every day 29.7% of the time. In addition, 47% of adults say either they or another adult in their household lost employment income since March 13. These new weekly pulse surveys are designed to provide crucial data to help understand the experiences of American households during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can learn more about this survey [here](#).

[Additional Counties Move to "Yellow," More Reopening Announcements Expected](#)

Today marks another step towards reopening Pennsylvania, as a dozen additional counties move to the "yellow" phase of the governor's reopening plan. This includes Adams, Beaver, Carbon, Columbia, Cumberland, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry, Susquehanna,

Wayne, Wyoming, and York counties.

In addition, Gov. Tom Wolf will make another reopening announcement later today. More counties may move to yellow, and it is possible that some counties may be moved to the “green” phase. No counties are expected to move from yellow back to red at this time. The green phase allows all businesses to reopen but requires compliance with the Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control Guidance. Watch for a PSATS alert with more details around noon. [Read full story](#).

[PA Health Reports Lower Case Rates, Hospitalizations](#)

Yesterday, the state Department of Health reported the 11th day in a row with less than 1,000 new positive cases of COVID-19 statewide. [Read full story](#).

[Administration Awards Grants to Food Banks](#)

The Wolf Administration is awarding [more than \\$9 million to nonprofits](#) to cover the cost of equipment to prepare, transport, and store food from retailers, wholesalers, farms, and more. The intent is to help the charitable food system meet food demands and alleviate waste due to disruptions in the food supply chain.

[More PennDOT Driver’s License Centers to Open in Yellow Counties](#)

The state Department of Transportation has opened several driver’s license centers in yellow counties with restrictions set by the commonwealth, including those in Adams, Cumberland, and York counties. Note that limited services will be available, and numerous COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place. For a full list of driver’s license and photo license centers currently open, as well as their hours of operation, please visit dmv.pa.gov.

[More Liquor Stores Reopen; LCB Provides Guidance on Act 21](#)

Beginning today, more state liquor stores in yellow zones will begin to offer limited in-store public access. Limited online orders and curbside pickup will also continue at other participating stores. For more information, [click here](#).

In addition, the Liquor Control Board has provided direction to licensees for Act 21 of 2020, which allows takeout for mixed drinks. [Click here](#) for more information.

Legislation & Policy



Governor Signs Cocktails-to-go Legislation into Law

On May 21st, Governor Wolf signed Act 21 of 2020 (formerly HB 327) into law. Act 21 allows for the temporary sale of cocktails-to-go from bars, restaurants or hotels with a liquor license. Act 21 also clarifies that a local referendum to allow the sale of liquor in a municipality must appear on a primary or general election ballot, not a special election ballot

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