



PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

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**Daily PA COVID-19 Cases Drop Slightly**

The statewide COVID case total now stands at 171,050 while the total deaths attributed to COVID-19 have reached 8,344. At 1,172, new average per-day positive COVID-19 cases in Pennsylvania have decreased by 1% compared to the prior week's per-day rate of 1,186. Pennsylvania's statewide percent-positivity has increased from 3.7% to 3.9% but remains below the recommended rate of 5%. On Saturday, the state Department of Health reported 1,742 positive tests, the highest single day in months.

The [number of COVID-19 hospitalizations/in Pennsylvania](#) saw an increase for the third week in a row from 603 to 706, and the number of COVID-19 patients on a ventilator statewide increased from 70 to 90. Despite these increases, hospitalization rates remain at a small fraction of capacity and well below rates in April.

On Friday, the commonwealth identified a number of counties as having percent-positivity rates of 5% or more for the past week and as such, will carefully monitor these counties, which include Berks (new), Bradford (new), Centre, Fulton (new), Huntingdon (new), Indiana, Lackawanna, Lawrence, Lebanon, Montour, Northumberland, Potter (new), Schuylkill, Westmoreland (new). Townships should note that Perry, Snyder, and Wayne counties saw their percent-positivity rates drop under 5% last week and were removed from the state's "watch" list. [Click here](#) for more.