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PA, US COVID-19 Cases Increase with More Testing

The statewide COVID case total now stands at 192,622, while the total deaths attributed to COVID-19 have reached 8,654. As of Saturday, Pennsylvania had reported 19 straight days of more than 1,000 daily cases, and the most recent three days saw totals of greater than 2,000 daily cases. The state Department of Health is reporting that daily increases are now comparable with April 2020, although testing was not widely available then as it is now. In addition, the Department of Health is reporting that statewide, 1,017 ICU beds, or 24.6%, and 4,423 medical/surgical beds, or 22.1%, remain open. While hospitalizations due to COVID-19 have increased substantially, rates remain about one-third of those hospitalized statewide in the spring.

Pennsylvania's statewide percent-positivity has increased from 4.3% to 5%, which means the entire state now qualifies for the "watch" list. Counties having percent-positivity rates of 5% or more for the past week include Armstrong, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Bradford, Clinton (new), Cumberland (new), Dauphin, Elk, Franklin (new), Huntingdon, Indiana, Lackawanna, Lawrence, Lebanon, Luzerne, Mercer (new), Montour, Northumberland (new), Perry, Philadelphia (new), Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Tioga, Venango (new), Washington (new), Westmoreland, and York (new). Carbon and Centre counties saw their percent-positivity rates drop under 5% last week and were removed from the state's "watch" list. [Click here](#) for more.