Monday, September 14, 2020

Daily PA COVID-19 Cases Decrease
The statewide COVID case total now stands at 143,805 while the total deaths attributed to COVID-19 have reached 7,862. At 746, new average per-day positive COVID-19 cases in Pennsylvania have decreased by 10.6% compared to the prior week’s per-day rate of 834. While this is a significant drop, rates remain 18.6% higher than two weeks ago. Pennsylvania’s statewide percent-positivity has increased for the second week in a row from 4% to 4.2%, which is still well below the recommended rate of 5%.

The number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Pennsylvania continues to decrease. Since September 7, hospitalizations have decreased 6.7%, from 496 to 463, and the number of COVID-19 patients on a ventilator statewide increased slightly from 57 to 60. Both hospitalization rates and ventilator usage rates are well below 10 percent of capacity.

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 Armstrong, Beaver, Butler (new), Centre, Chester (new), Clarion (new), Columbia, Dauphin, Franklin (new), Fulton (new), Greene (new), Indiana, Juniata (new), Lycoming (new), Mercer (new), Montour (new), and York. Townships should note that Blair, Clinton, Lancaster, and Northumberland counties saw their percent-positivity rates drop under 5% last week and were removed from the state’s “watch” list. Click here for more.