

In response to many inquiries regarding COVID-19, the public may find following information useful:

- As of 3:30 p.m., 3/15/2020 there is a single presumptive positive in Washington County. The Pennsylvania Department of Health released this information and nothing else.
- Washington County does not have statutory authority to close commercial venues. Washington County has encouraged unnecessary venues to close or be postponed.
- Washington County has not declared a State of Emergency. Our critical services have not been overwhelmed, nor are they on the verge of being overwhelmed.
- Individuals at greatest risk from COVID-19 are those with significant underlying medical issues such as diabetes, cardiac disease, or respiratory problems.
- Based on the current data, 95 percent of people who get COVID-19 will experience mild to moderate symptoms, says Sandro Galea, the dean of Boston University's School of Public Health. Some people will get the COVID-19 and not even know they have it.
- A bad case of COVID-19 for a healthy person will likely be no worse than a bad case of regular flu. Sandro Galea, the dean of Boston University's School of Public Health says, causing a headache, fever, soreness, nausea, and a cough. You will recover from it in a matter of days (again, based on the current data).
- Please continue personal safeguards: hand washing, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, covering your cough, trying to maintain a 6' distance between people, and staying home when you are sick.
- People who are sick should contact their Primary Care Physician or the Pennsylvania Department of Health at 1-877-PA-HEALTH
- Only people experiencing significant distress along with flulike symptoms should contact the hospital.
- Anyone who is experiencing flulike signs or symptoms should contact their primary care physician (PCP). If you do not have a primary care physician (PCP), please call the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) at 877-PA HEALTH (1-877-724-3258). Please do not go to the hospital without contacting your PCP or PADOH first, unless you are in severe respiratory distress. If that is the case, please contact your hospital first before going there.