

Reopening Centre County

A Marathon, Not a Sprint

“I’ve had really, very good conversations with a series of governors, and they’ve really been very insightful of how they’re looking at this. **They understand the risk, and they talk about this not as turning on a light switch but slowly turning up the dimmer.**”



Jim LoScalzo - Pool via CNP / ME

-Dr. Deborah Birx

*Coronavirus Response Coordinator for
The White House's Coronavirus Task Force*

APRIL 26, 2020

How are we doing at “Staying at Home”?

- Numerous data companies that collect and provide cellphone location data and analysis to the retail, real estate, marketing, and tourism industries have used this data
 - [Unacast](#)
 - [Cuebiq](#)
 - [Google](#)

Reopening – Construction

- Construction – ~~May 8, 2020~~ May 1, 2020
 - Developed from guidance created by the General Contractors Association of Pennsylvania, provides universal protocols for all construction activity, as well as specific additional guidance for residential, commercial and public construction projects.
 - [Press Release](#)
 - [Guidance for Businesses in the Construction Industry](#)

Reopening – Outdoor Recreation

- Outdoor Recreation – May 1, 2020
 - Announced April 27, 2020
 - Starting Friday, May 1, golf courses, marinas, guided fishing trips and privately owned campgrounds may reopen statewide and are required to follow updated [life-sustaining business guidance](#) and [FAQ](#) issued by the Wolf Administration to include specifics for how these outdoor recreational industries can resume activities while prioritizing public health and safety.
 - [Press Release](#)

Governor Wolf's Process to Reopen Pennsylvania

- Reopening Targeted for **May 8** in Northcentral Region – including Centre County
 - Announced Wednesday, April 22, 2020
 - **Red, Yellow, Green Phases**
 - Work & Congregate Settings Restrictions
 - Social Restrictions
 - **Four Criteria**
 - [Press Release](#)
 - [Full Plan](#)

Red Phase

Work & Congregate Setting Restrictions

- Life Sustaining Businesses Only
- Congregate Care and Prison Restrictions in Place
- Schools (for in-person instruction) and Most Child Care Facilities Closed

Social Restrictions

- Stay at Home Orders in Place
- Large Gatherings Prohibited
- Restaurants and Bars Limited to Carry-Out and Delivery Only
- Only Travel for Life-Sustaining Purposes Encouraged

- Reiterate and reinforce safety guidance for businesses, workers, individuals, facilities, update if necessary
- Monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary

Yellow Phase

Work & Congregate Setting Restrictions

- Telework Must Continue Where Feasible
- Businesses with In-Person Operations Must Follow Business and Building Safety Orders
- Child Care Open with Worker and Building Safety Orders
- Congregate Care and Prison Restrictions in Place
- Schools Remain Closed for In-Person Instruction

Social Restrictions

- Stay at Home Restrictions Lifted in Favor of Aggressive Mitigation
- Large Gatherings of More than 25 Prohibited
- In-Person Retail Allowable, Curbside and Delivery Preferable
- Indoor Recreation, Health and Wellness Facilities (such as gyms, spas), and all Entertainment (such as casinos, theaters) Remain Closed
- Restaurants and Bars Limited to Carry-Out and Delivery Only

- All businesses must follow CDC and DOH guidance for social distancing and cleaning
- Monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary

Green Phase

Work & Congregate Setting Restrictions

- All Businesses Must Follow CDC and PA Department of Health Guidelines

Social Restrictions

- Aggressive Mitigation Orders Lifted
 - All Individuals Must Follow CDC and PA Department of Health Guidelines
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- Monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary

Bureau of Community Health Systems

County Health Departments

District Offices

Municipal Health Departments

State Health Centers



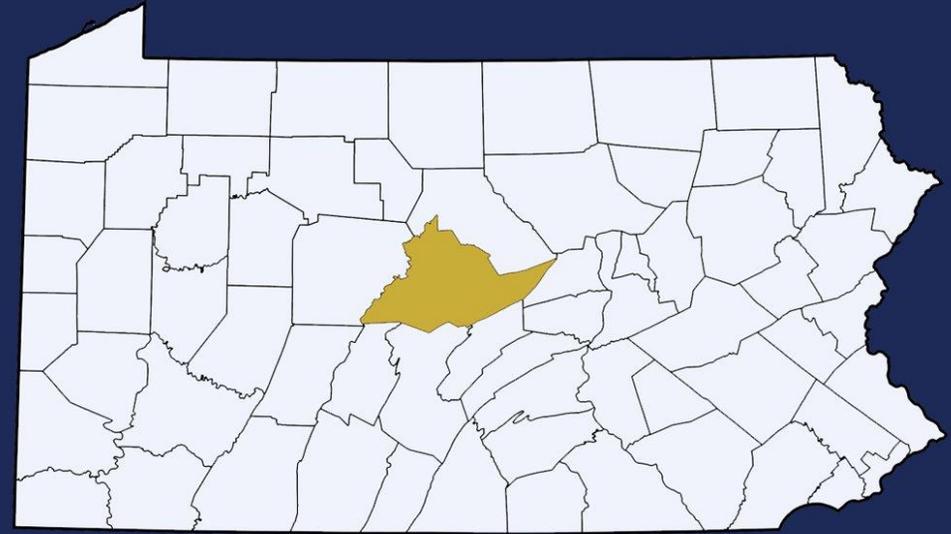
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1. Target Data Goal

- “A target goal for reopening has been set at having fewer than 50 new confirmed cases per 100,000 population reported to the department in the previous 14 days.”

- <https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/wolf-administration-elaborates-on-data-driven-reopening-standard/>

TARGET GOAL FOR REOPENING EXAMPLE



A target goal for reopening has been set at having **fewer than 50 new confirmed cases per 100,000 population** reported in the **previous 14 days**.

EXAMPLE - CENTRE COUNTY

- POPULATION: 162,385
- NEW CASES IN PREVIOUS 14 DAYS: 16
- $16/1.62 = 9.9$: less than 50 per 100,000

ADDITIONAL REOPENING CRITERIA

- Enough testing available for individuals with symptoms and target populations.
- Robust case investigation and contact tracing infrastructure in place.
- Identification of area's high-risk settings and assurance that facilities have adequate safeguards in place.

SOURCE: <https://twitter.com/GovernorTomWolf/status/1254072767105949698>

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2. Enough **testing** available for individuals with symptoms and target populations such as those at high risk, health care personnel and first responders.
3. Robust case investigation and **contact tracing** infrastructure in place to facilitate early identification of cluster outbreaks and to issue proper isolation and quarantine orders.
4. Identification of an area's **high-risk settings** including correctional institutions, personal care homes, skilled nursing facilities and other congregate care settings, and assurance that facilities have adequate **safeguards** in place such as staff training, employee screening, visitor procedures and screening and **adequate supplies of PPE** to support continued operations.

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1. Reduction/Leveling of Cases
2. Testing
3. Contact tracing
4. Safeguards for high risk settings and Personal Protective Equipment

Contact Tracing in Centre County

- [Mount Nittany Medical Center and Penn State College of Medicine](#)
 - Since March, Mount Nittany Health has been partnering with the Penn State College of Medicine to conduct local community contact tracing investigations for positive COVID-19 patients. This monitoring process – called contact tracing – includes three steps: case interview, contact identification, and contact follow-up.
- [Geisinger](#)
 - "Whenever someone tests positive for COVID-19 at a Geisinger testing site, we reach out to ask who they've had close contact with in the last few days," says [Keith Boell, DO](#), Geisinger's chief quality officer for population initiatives. "We then reach out to the individuals they identify to let them know that they may have been exposed to the coronavirus."

Putting People to Work & Reducing the Spread

- PA Department of Health: Hire and train Centre County residents to do contact tracing
- Furloughs due to lack of work → Employed contact tracing
 - [Massachusetts hiring 1,000 contact tracers](#) (in two weeks 15,000 applied)
 - People can be quickly hired and trained
- Group of bipartisan health officials, doctors, epidemiologists urging Congress to pass a bill to hire 180,000 contact tracers nationwide
 - [News Article](#)
 - [Letter](#)

Primary Concerns

- Public Health
- Business Closures
- Long-term Unemployment

Centre County's
Health is in
Your Hands