



Monitoring & Protecting Our Progress

Most Current 7 Days: 03/26/2021–04/01/2021

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Introduction

The data provided below are used to monitor COVID-19 in Chester County and Delaware County. Data is updated once a week. All data, including historical data, is updated each time this report is published as additional data that becomes available through reporting and case investigations.

Cumulative Incidence Rate per 100,000

Cumulative incidence rate is a public health measure that summarizes the number of new COVID-19 cases. The lower the incidence rate, the lower the number of new cases. This measure is calculated by dividing the total number of confirmed¹ cases by the population² for a specific time period, and is expressed as a rate per 100,000 people. The rate is calculated for 7-day periods beginning with the most current week as Week 1 and looking back three weeks in the tables below.

Chester County

7 Day Period	Positive Case Count	Incidence Rate per 100,000	Additional Data
Week 1 (most current)	951	181.15	Local Incidence Rates
Week 2	632	120.38	
Week 3	508	96.76	
Week 4	388	73.91	
Weeks 1-4 Average	619.75	118.05	

Delaware County

7 Day Period	Positive Case Count	Incidence Rate per 100,000	Additional Data
Week 1 (most current)	1092	192.68	Local Incidence Rates
Week 2	723	127.57	
Week 3	579	102.16	
Week 4	608	107.28	
Weeks 1-4 Average	750.50	132.42	

¹ Confirmed cases are those confirmed through a laboratory test.

² Chester County Population = 524,989 | Delaware County Population = 566,747

Percent Positivity

Percent positivity is a public health measure that shows the percentage of all PCR COVID-19 tests performed that are positive. This measure is calculated by dividing the total number of positive PCR tests by the total number of all PCR tests (positives + negatives) for a specific time period, and is expressed as a percent. If individuals are tested multiple times, each test result is counted. The percent is calculated for 7 day periods beginning with the most current week as Week 1 and looking back three weeks in the tables below.



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7 Day Period	Positive PCR Tests Count	All PCR Tests Count	Percent PCR Positivity
Week 1 (most current)	1,054	11,654	9.04%
Week 2	688	11,287	6.10%
Week 3	575	10,142	5.67%
Week 4	423	9,884	4.28%
Total for All Weeks	2,740	42,967	6.38%

Delaware County

7 Day Period	Positive PCR Tests Count	All PCR Tests Count	Percent PCR Positivity
Week 1 (most current)	1,189	13,861	8.58%
Week 2	817	13,633	5.99%
Week 3	664	12,261	5.42%
Week 4	709	11,615	6.10%
Total for All Weeks	3,379	51,370	6.58%

Recommendations

COVID-19 spreads mainly through close contact from person to person, including between people who are physically near each other (within about 6 feet). People who are infected but do not show symptoms can also spread the virus to others. How easily a virus spreads from person to person can vary. Incidence rates and percent positivity are impacted by the activities individuals engage in that increase exposure risks. Individuals are encouraged to reduce their exposure risks by avoiding group activities, remaining home when not feeling well, and wearing a mask at all times. Over the past 7 days, the most common types of activities reported to the Chester County Health Department by individuals with COVID-19 included:

Chester County	Delaware County
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Close Contact With A Confirmed Or Probable Case Of COVID-19 Disease • Attend Or Work At A School (Pre-K To 12th Grade) • Attend Or Participate In A Mass Gathering Or Other Event (e.g. Wedding, Funeral, Concert, Party, Sporting Event, Contact Sport, Religious Gathering, etc.) • Spend Time At Any Business Establishments (e.g., Restaurants, Bars, Gym/Fitness Center, Movie Theaters, Salon/Barbershop) • Worked At, Visited, Or Stayed In A Healthcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Close Contact With A Confirmed Or Probable Case Of COVID-19 Disease • Attend Or Work At A School (Pre-K To 12th Grade) • Attend Or Participate In A Mass Gathering Or Other Event (e.g. Wedding, Funeral, Concert, Party, Sporting Event, Contact Sport, Religious Gathering, etc.) • Spend Time At Any Business Establishments (e.g., Restaurants, Bars, Gym/Fitness Center, Movie Theaters, Salon/Barbershop) • Travel Within The US Or Canada, Outside Of



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting (e.g., Hospital / Long-Term Care / Rehab / Skilled Nursing Facility / Clinic / Personal Care Home) • Travel Via Mass Transit (e.g., Airplane, Bus, Train, Ride Share, etc.) • Travel Within The US Or Canada, Outside Of Pennsylvania • Attend Or Work At College Or University • Member Of A Cluster Of Persons Under Investigation For 2019-Ncov • Attend Or Work At A Child- Or Daycare • Patient Was Incarcerated Or Employed At Prison / Jail • Experience Homelessness • If Not Homeless, Patient Spend Time Around Homeless Shelters Or Areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pennsylvania • Member Of A Cluster Of Persons Under Investigation For 2019-Ncov • Attend Or Work At A Child- Or Daycare • Worked At, Visited, Or Stayed In A Healthcare Setting (e.g., Hospital / Long-Term Care / Rehab / Skilled Nursing Facility / Clinic / Personal Care Home) • Attend Or Work At College Or University • Travel Via Mass Transit (e.g., Airplane, Bus, Train, Ride Share, etc.)

Caution: The information above cannot be used to identify definitive sources of contracting COVID-19 as individuals may report engaging in more than one activity.

Note: Specific percents are no longer reported for exposure activities due to misinterpretation and misuse of the data.