

COVID-19 UPDATES

Thursday, April 2nd, 2020

<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/02/state-tops-200-coronavirus-cases/>

State tops 200 coronavirus cases

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — West Virginia has topped 200 confirmed coronavirus cases. Numbers released Thursday evening by the state Department of Health and Human Resources put the number at 217 confirmed cases out of 5,493 residents tested resulting in a 3.9 percent positive test rate.

<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/02/30-kanawha-judicial-employees-test-negative-for-covid-19/>

30 Kanawha judicial employees test negative for COVID-19

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — 30 employees at the Kanawha County Judicial Annex have tested negative for COVID-19, the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department announced.

<https://www.wowktv.com/news/inside-wv-politics/wv-secretary-of-state-mac-warner-on-covid-19s-impact-on-politics/>

WV Secretary of State Mac Warner on COVID-19's impact on politics

CHARLESTON, WV (WOWK) – On Inside West Virginia Politics, West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner tells us how politics have been impacted by COVID-19, including the need for poll workers, why officials are predicting absentee voter numbers to skyrocket — and why they're actually the ones urging people to take advantage of the absentee ballots in the first place.

Friday, April 3rd, 2020

<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/03/west-virginias-covid-19-count-goes-to-237-and-dhhr-debuts-new-dashboard/>

West Virginia's covid-19 count goes to 237, and DHHR debuts new dashboard

West Virginia has 20 new confirmed cases of novel coronavirus, making the total positive case count 237. Meanwhile, a **new dashboard** to convey information is now available at www.coronavirus.wv.gov with West Virginia-specific data. As of today, 6,367 West Virginia residents have been tested for covid-19. The tests have included 237 positive, 6,130 negative and two deaths.

<https://www.wtrf.com/news/health/coronavirus/coronavirus-in-west-virginia-wva-allows-beer-wine-home-deliveries-during-virus-outbreak/>

Coronavirus In West Virginia: WVa allows beer, wine home deliveries during virus outbreak

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia residents can now get beer and wine delivered to their homes during the coronavirus pandemic.

Alcohol, Beverage Control Administration commissioner Frederic Wooton says licensed restaurants and bars can ship beer and wine as long as they accompany take-out food orders.

<https://www.theintelligencer.net/news/top-headlines/2020/04/west-virginia-officials-urge-calm-as-major-coronavirus-cluster-develops-in-eastern-panhandle/>

West Virginia officials urge calm as major coronavirus cluster develops in Eastern Panhandle

CHARLESTON – As the number of positive coronavirus cases jumped in the Eastern Panhandle, Gov. Jim Justice and state officials Friday sought to calm the nerves of the public.

<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/03/thomas-health-to-lay-off-hundreds-as-business-shrinks-because-of-coronavirus/>

Four West Virginia hospitals lay off hundreds because of coronavirus-related shrinking revenues

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Two hospital systems in West Virginia have reduced hours and furloughed hundreds of employees to offset the impact of government mandated stipulations surrounding the coronavirus.

<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/03/w-va-court-system-extends-emergency-constraints-kanawha-judicial-building-extends-shutdown/>

W.Va. court system extends emergency constraints; Kanawha judicial building extends shutdown

West Virginia's court system has extended emergency constraints until May 1 because of the coronavirus pandemic, delaying all jury trials but allowing emergency hearings under limited circumstances. That aligns with federal guidance to continue social distancing through April.

Saturday, April 4th, 2020

<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/04/justice-adds-counties-to-pandemic-enforcement-executive-order/>

Justice adds counties to pandemic enforcement executive order

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Gov. Jim Justice added Kanawha, Monongalia and Harrison counties to an executive order Saturday night allowing stricter enforcement of his previous stay-at-home order.

<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/04/confirmed-covid-19-case-numbers-up-above-280-in-west-virginia/>

Confirmed COVID-19 case numbers up above 280 in West Virginia

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources was reporting 282 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Mountain State as of 10:30 a.m. Saturday, what was a 3.67 percent infection rate in lab results sent to DHHR.

Sunday, April 5th, 2020

<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/05/camc-to-test-patients-workers-at-nursing-home-after-positive-case/>

CAMC to test patients, workers at nursing home after positive case

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Patients and workers at a Charleston-based nursing home will be tested for coronavirus Monday after a patient contracted the virus.

<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/05/w-va-counties-in-hotspots-move-quickly-on-heightened-restrictions/>

W.Va. counties in ‘hotspots’ move quickly on heightened restrictions

West Virginia counties under heightened social distancing guidelines have started working through how to communicate and enforce them.

Gov. Jim Justice issued executive orders this weekend for stricter social distancing in “hotspots,” including Kanawha, Monongalia, Harrison, Jefferson, Berkeley and Morgan counties.

<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/05/third-west-virginian-dies-from-coronavirus/>

Third West Virginian dies from coronavirus

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A third West Virginia has died from the coronavirus, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources confirmed Sunday.

The person was a 76-year-old Monongalia County man. The department noted the death was tied to the Sundale Nursing Home in Monongalia County. Twenty-nine patients and staff members have tested positive for the virus.

<https://wchstv.com/news/local/justice-extends-stringent-coronavirus-restrictions-to-kanawha-monongalia-harrison>

Justice extends stringent coronavirus restrictions to Kanawha, Monongalia, Harrison

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (WCHS/WVAH) — West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice announced Saturday night he is extending an executive order with more stringent coronavirus restrictions for three Eastern Panhandle counties to also include Kanawha, Monongalia and Harrison counties.

Monday, April 6th, 2020

<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/06/federal-judge-sides-with-state-on-jail-practices-during-pandemic/>

Federal judge sides with state on jail practices during pandemic

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A federal judge rejected a request for the state Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation to release inmates from jails and prisons in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/06/state-records-4th-coronavirus-death/>

State records 4th coronavirus death

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. — An elderly man died Sunday at United Hospital Center in Clarksburg of COVID-19 caused by the coronavirus.

The man, a Harrison County resident, had underlying medical conditions and was in critical condition, health officials said.

<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/06/kanawha-judge-issues-order-for-ankle-monitors-for-violators-of-covid-19-quarantine/>

Kanawha judge issues order for ankle monitors for violators of COVID-19 quarantine

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Another step has been taken in Kanawha County in enforcing orders in place due to COVID-19.

On Monday afternoon, Kanawha County Circuit Court Chief Judge Charles King entered an order allowing the Kanawha County Sheriff's Department, with the directive of Chief Health Officer Dr. Sherri Young of the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, to issue GPS ankle monitoring bracelets to those who refuse to quarantine after testing positive for COVID-19.

<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/06/dhhr-state-now-has-345-confirmed-cases-of-coronavirus/>

DHHR: State now has 345 confirmed cases of coronavirus

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Nearly 10,000 residents have now been tested for the coronavirus in West Virginia with 345 confirmed cases, according to new information released Monday morning by the state Department of Health and Human Resources.

Tuesday, April 7th, 2020

<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/07/first-unemployment-payments-including-additional-cares-cash-distributed-in-west-virginia/>

First unemployment payments including additional CARES cash distributed in West Virginia

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The state distributed unemployment benefits to 29,000 state residents Tuesday that included an additional \$600 a week in benefits from the CARES Act recently passed by Congress in connection with the coronavirus pandemic.

<http://wvmetronews.com/2020/04/07/dhhr-west-virginia-surpasses-400-confirmed-cases-of-coronavirus/>

DHHR: West Virginia surpasses 400 confirmed cases of coronavirus

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A significant jump in confirmed COVID-19 cases from Monday to Tuesday has resulted in more than 400 total cases in West Virginia.

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) updated its numbers Tuesday morning with 67 new cases of the novel coronavirus disease, making the total positive case count 412.

