

Slate Belt Town Topics

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Tasty Tuesdays back at Trinity Lutheran

Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 4th and Broadway in Bangor, will once again offer a free bag lunch program to children, their families and any individuals in the community this summer. Tasty Tuesdays will begin on Tuesday, June 2 and run through mid August. Due to Covid-19, lunches will contain non perishable food items and will be available for drive-up/walk-up pick up in the large church parking lot. Each lunch will contain water, juice, healthy snack bar, chips, fruit/fruit cup, and your choice of a main food item such as canned soup/tuna/pasta and more. Please call the church office at 610-588-2023 to register.

Decline in New COVID 19 Cases May Be Promising

For the first time in over a month the Sunday combined number of new COVID 19 cases among the three area counties totaled less than 100.

Monroe was the lowest with only 11 new cases, just two more than its previous low of 9. Northampton added only 33 cases which is its second lowest of the month. Lehigh registered 50 new cases which is below average for them.

Overall, the state's total increased by 1116 which is significantly lower than its monthly average.

Assuming that this is not another matter of delayed results, today's stats are promising.

Slate Belt Liquor Stores Reopen Monday

Slate Belt liquor stores are among many in Pennsylvania that will reopen Monday April 27

Most reopened stores will take from 50 to 100 orders per day on a first-call, first-served basis beginning at 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Employees will work to schedule pickup appointments with customers between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on those days. Some stores, however, will operate with more limited days and hours.

The PLCB is implementing public health best practices to ensure safe environments for their staff. Prior to reopening to employees, each facility

supporting e-commerce and curbside pickup order fulfillment was professionally sanitized. Additionally, enhanced and more frequent cleaning and disinfecting is in practice, employees are being provided masks, gloves and frequent opportunities to wash hands, and the number of employees working in a facility at any time is limited to maintain social distancing protocols

Slate Belt Stores:

Fine Wine & Good Spirits #4803, 1375 Blue Valley Drive, Pen Argyl, (610) 863-9655

Fine Wine & Good Spirits #4816 Wind Gap Plaza, 813 Male Road, Wind Gap, (610) 863-1115

Save Old Clothing for Bangor Qctoberfest

Since everyone is cleaning out their closets, etc. If you have pants or jeans (any size, even kids) with holes that are not repairable or even long sleeve shirts, please save them for Octoberfest (Bangor Park). They can use them for scarecrow making. (Even if they don't have the event this year, they will save them for next year)

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PA Construction Resumes **May 1**

— With State Safety Guidelines —

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.

WORK & CONGREGATE SETTINGS

SOCIAL SETTINGS

RED PHASE

- LIFE-SUSTAINING BUSINESSES ONLY
- RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR PRISON + CONGREGATE CARE
- SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION
- MOST CHILD CARE CLOSED

- STAY AT HOME ORDERED
- LARGE GATHERINGS PROHIBITED
- RESTAURANTS/BARS LIMITED TO CARRY-OUT + DELIVERY
- ONLY TRAVEL FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING PURPOSES

YELLOW PHASE

- TELEWORK MUST CONTINUE WHERE FEASIBLE
- BUSINESSES WITH IN-PERSON OPERATIONS MUST FOLLOW SAFETY ORDERS
- CHILD CARE OPEN WITH WORKER + BUILDING SAFETY ORDERS
- RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR PRISON + CONGREGATE CARE
- SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

- STAY AT HOME RESTRICTIONS LIFTED IN FAVOR OF AGGRESSIVE MITIGATION
- LARGE GATHERINGS PROHIBITED
- IN-PERSON RETAIL ALLOWED CURBSIDE/DELIVERY PREFERRED
- INDOOR RECREATION, HEALTH AND WELLNESS FACILITIES (SUCH AS GYMS, SPAS), AND ALL ENTERTAINMENT (SUCH AS CASINOS, THEATERS) REMAIN CLOSED
- RESTAURANTS/BARS LIMITED TO CARRY-OUT + DELIVERY

GREEN PHASE

- ALL BUSINESSES MUST FOLLOW CDC AND PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES

- AGGRESSIVE MITIGATION ORDERS LIFTED
- INDIVIDUALS MUST FOLLOW CDC AND PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES

Social Distancing Outdoors

Do 👍

**Walk, run, hike
6 feet from others**

**Stay in your
community**

Wear your mask

Pick up your trash

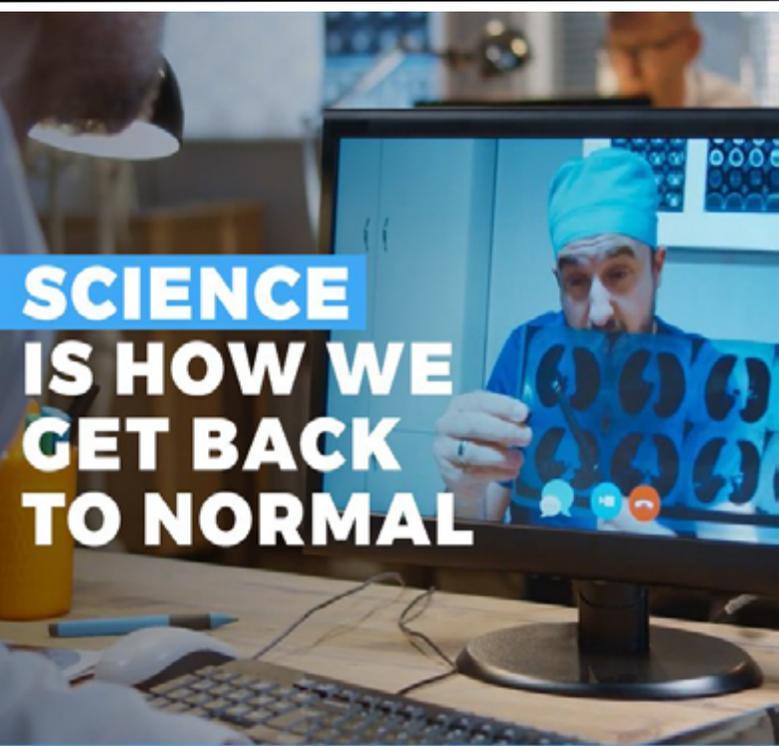
Don't 👎

Host group activities

**Travel outside your
community**

Touch your face

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State Park and Forest Facilities Closed Until May 8, 2020

Closed Statewide



Restrooms **Cabins** **RV Camping** **Tent Camping** **Pavilions**

Events **Offices** **Inns/Lodges** **Shooting Ranges** **Playgrounds**

What this means:

- Public can access trails, lakes, forests, roads, and parking areas
- Facilities in all state parks and forests closed
- Includes all reservable amenities
- Recreation in groups strongly discouraged
- Rangers and park managers still on duty in parks
- Boat launches and fishing still open



April 23, 2020

PA 511 Traffic Alerts - 7:00am Today

- **Delabole Rd closed from American Bangor Road to Molasses Rd** for Bridge repair until mid June, 2020.
- **Roadwork on Belvidere Road both directions** 0 miles West of DePues Ferry Road, PPL. Lane restriction.
- **Damaged roadway on Five Points - Richmond Road** in both directions between Messenger St, Bangor, Park Drive and Sunset Drive. Lane restriction.
- **Roadwork on I-78 westbound** between Mile Post: 60.5 and Mile Post: 60.0. There is a lane restriction.
- **Roadwork on I-78 westbound** between .5 miles west of Exit 45: PA 863 - and .7 miles west of

Pen Argyl Student Reads To Children

by Jackie Hower

Madison Williams was in her senior year at DeSales University majoring in theatre when school closures and stay-at-home orders due to the coronavirus pandemic brought her school year to an abrupt halt.



Though able to finish out the remainder of the academic year online, the live children's show, put on by her senior class fell victim to the new restrictions and closures placed on the community.

Williams' job as the Education Liaison for the production of "The Jungle Book" was to visit elementary schools and do readings to promote the show also ceased under the new statewide guidelines.

While the show couldn't go on, Williams felt that, "through difficult times, we can find joy in something. I wanted to make light of the situation and had the idea of posting a video of me reading the Jungle Book."

She adds, "Reading brings alive the imagination and creativity of children [and] I felt bad for the kids because they were not allowed to go back to school and I thought my readings could be something that they can look forward to and bring them excitement during this time of uncertainty."

A now inspired Williams launched her first reading of "The Jungle Book" via a live Facebook platform to resounding success. She has continued to reach out to kids in the community with weekly readings of other stories, like "Winnie The Pooh" and "Bisquit," and provides educational links to coloring pages and finger puppet activities related to the stories that children can do on their own or with their parents.

Williams says, "I believe that every day we have the power to make an impact and difference in the world. A good deed no matter how small or big makes a difference."

[Madison Williams' next Story Time will be "Curious George" on April 30. Follow her on Facebook at Madison Williams]



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National Weather Service Forecast

Today - Showers likely, mainly before 8am. Cloudy, with a high near 47. North wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Tonight - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday - Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. West wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday Night - A slight chance of rain after 2am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Wednesday - Chance of rain, 8am & 2pm, showers likely after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high 55. Wind 5 -10 mph, gusts 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. Precipitation less than a tenth of an inch.

These Organizations Need Your Help

Recovery Revolution

Primary Contact: Jana Morris

Contact Information: (610) 599-7700

Current Need(s): Hand sanitizer, Lysol spray (aersol), disinfecting wipes, box of disposable masks

Slater Family Network Foundation

Primary Contact: Patti Damour

Contact Information: (610) 599-7019 or
damourpa@bangorsd.org

Needs: Masks , gloves, Lysol cleaning supplies,

Lehigh Valley Health Network

Contact Information:

Visit LVHN.org/helpfightcovid to find a drop-off location near you . Needs: Face shields, goggles, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies and disinfectant, Isopropyl alcohol, Lysol and Clorox (including wipes), N95 masks, surgical masks, vinyl gloves

Gracedale Nursing Home

Primary Contact: Gracedale Volunteer Coordinator

Contact Information: (610) 829-3686

Current Need(s): PPE items

Miller-Keystone Blood Center

Contact Information: <https://www.giveapint.org/>

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