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Remdesivir Available at St. Luke's and LVHN

Harrisburg, PA – The Department of Health today distributed the investigational antiviral medication, remdesivir, to treat patients in the hospital with COVID-19. The federal government distributed the first shipment of 1,200 doses to the department on Tuesday, May 12, and this entire allotment has been shipped to Pennsylvania hospitals.



receiving the first shipment over the next few days. The hospitals that will receive the first shipments were determined based on the number of COVID-19 patients at the hospital over a recent seven-day period, and the severity of the illness of those patients, based on whether they are on a ventilator. The

“The department is working to give our hospitals every opportunity to treat patients with COVID-19,” Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine said. “It is important to note that there is limited information on the safety and effectiveness of using remdesivir to treat people in the hospital with COVID-19. However, it was shown in a clinical trial to shorten the recovery time in some people, which is why the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized the emergency use of the medication for treatment.”

department will continue to work with our federal partners to acquire more doses of this medication to serve more patients across Pennsylvania.

Remdesivir is given to a patient through an IV once per day for up to 10 days, depending on how critically ill the patient is. According to the FDA, remdesivir may help decrease the amount of coronavirus in your body, which may help you get better faster.

Fifty-one hospitals across Pennsylvania will be

NEW VIRUS CASE REPORT - MAY 12

LOCATION	TOTAL CASES	NEW CASES
State	57,991	837
Northampton	2,499	34
Monroe	1,229	5
Lehigh	3,286	27

EMS Grants Available

Lamont McClure and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) announce that the County of Northampton will begin accepting applications on May 18th for the 2020 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) grants. EMS grants are available to Northampton County volunteer fire departments non-profit emergency medical service organizations and can be used for capital improvements, vehicle purchase, equipment purchase and training. Eligible organizations can apply for \$10,000 per application or project.

The application process opens on Monday, May 18th, and closes on Friday, June 26th. Approvals are

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Test Site Open Until May 22

The Northampton County sponsored Covid-19 drive-thru testing site at Easton Hospital will remain open until May 22nd.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 10:00AM – 4:00PM. The Coronavirus testing site is located in the main parking lot at Easton Hospital, 250 S 21st Street, Easton, PA 18042. The risk of viral transmission at a drive-thru site is much lower than at a walk-in clinic.

“As of Monday, 280 Northampton County residents have been tested for Covid-19 at our drive-thru site,” says Lamont McClure. “We can’t reopen our county until we know how prevalent the virus is in our community.”

Only residents from Northampton County will be accepted and they must show at least one of the following CDC recognized symptoms of Covid-19: fever, dry cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or loss of taste and/or smell.

National Police Week

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Each May, during National Police Week, the United States recognizes the service and sacrifice of U.S. law enforcement and pays tribute to those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

They say Thank You to all men & women who protect us each day. The sacrifices each have made and continue to make should never go unrecognized.

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scheduled to be announced in August 2020.

Details and applications can be found on the Department of Community and Economic Development’s (DCED) webpage: <https://www.northamptoncounty.org/.../Apply-for-Funding.aspx>

The funding for EMS grants comes from the Northampton County’s share of the revenue from table games under the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act, 4 PaC.S.A. §§ 1102, et seq. Grants are awarded via a competitive process through a committee consisting of the DCED staff.



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- Some weekends
- Some lifting required
- Apply in Person.
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Must be 18 years of age or older

National Weather Service Forecast - May 12

Today

Areas of frost before 8am. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 61. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight

Mostly clear, with a low around 36. North wind around 5 mph.

Thursday

A chance of showers after 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 63. Light and variable wind becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the morning. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Thursday Night

A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. South wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Friday

A chance of showers, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. West wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Friday Night

Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 8pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 8pm and 2am, then a slight chance of showers after 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

PA 511 Traffic Alerts

- **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 Exit 35: PA 143 - traffic disruption.
- **US 22 between PA 191 and 25th Street** Weekend lane restrictions Friday nights 9 PM through Monday mornings at 6 am. Weeknight lane restrictions 9pm to 6am. (West bound first then East Bound)

Free Meals Thursday

Thursday (May 14th) from 5pm – 6pm: For those in need of a meal, Upper Mount Bethel Township, in conjunction with Rustica Artisan Catering will be providing, “Free” Ready-to-Heat Meals on a first come, first serve basis.

Thursday’s menu is the following: Ham Skillet, Baked Ziti and Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans.

If you live in Upper Mount Bethel, Lower Mount Bethel, Washington Township, Bangor, East Bangor, Portland or Roseto you are within the Bangor School District and are invited to come by for a free meal. We do ask that you please come only if you DO need a meal rather than just picking up a free meal. If they run out some who are desperate for a meal might not get one.

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Yoga Classes Starting at Bangor Memorial Park

This active movement session cultivates awareness of the body, while utilizing the breath for grounding. You will flow with intention; consciously engaging the muscles to increase strength, & holding postures for several breaths to increase flexibility. The steady pace of this class balances effort & ease, making it suitable for all practitioners.

Beginning May 17th

*Sunday's at 2:30pm

*Tuesday's at 5:30pm

*Thursday's at 10:30am

Classes are offered By Donation (\$5). If you are struggling financially, please select "Pay later". Must bring your own mat.

Class size is limited! Each sign up is for 1 person only, ages 12 & up.

Please arrive 10 minutes early and park your car in the lot accessible from the Broadway street entrance. The class is located in the field between this parking lot and the circle.

They will have orange cones set up to abide by social distancing guidelines. Participants are instructed to set up their yoga mats behind an available cone.

(Remember to bring your own equipment such as a yoga mat, blanket, blocks, or a strap as they will not be provided.)

They look forward to seeing you!

Sign Up Here: <https://www.facebook.com/greenleafstt/>

Roseto Park Closed

Due to the mandates in place by Governor Wolf regarding COVID-19, "Stay at Home", six foot social distancing, social gatherings of ten or less in the red phase and 25 or less in yellow phase Roseto Borough Council at their regular monthly meeting approved the closure of the Roseto Borough Park until Northampton County is open in the "green phase" of the Governor's reopening process.

Community Day

Community Day at A Clean Slate will be held Monday Memorial Day from 12-2pm. Stop by and enjoy your community as they honor friends, family and community. Free refreshment.

Gap Diner Take-out

Starting Monday May 11 the Gap Diner in Wind Gap will provide take out and curbside meal delivery services.

They will be available from 11 am- 7pm with a limited menu.

Coming soon delivery and online ordering.

Please visit their website for updates and download their limited menu now available at www.Thegapdiner.com.

Weona Park Centennial

A Centennial book is being written to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Weona Park in Pen Argyl.

Anyone with fond memories or interesting stories should send them to Walt Cole at wrcole3@gmail.com. This would include any information from your parents or grandparents. Perhaps a grandparent or great-grandparent helped to build the park, or worked on a WPA project during the Depression. Perhaps you worked at the park, were a life guard or had an interesting experience.

Stories about sporting events, swimming, or any activities would be of interest. They are also interested in pictures of family reunions, church gatherings or other organizations having picnics at the park.

Do you have any pictures of the kiddie Ferris Wheel, train or cars that you would be willing to share?

They are also looking for pictures of the clay tennis courts, the old miniature golf course, the band shell and events at the athletic field. Please check out those old photo albums for memories to share.

West Bangor Memorial Day

Based on the coding set forth by the State of Pennsylvania, Northampton County is currently in the Red Phase. Until Northampton County moves out of the Red Phase, the Annual Memorial Day services held on Monday, May 25th, 2020 in West Bangor will be canceled. This decision was made taking into consideration the health and safety of all persons involved. The program will resume in 2021.

Mount Bethel COVID Tests

Mt Bethel Pharmacy has all things covid readily available. Hand sanitizer, masks, gloves, zinc, vitamin c. And they are getting in covid testing kits to do the testing in the pharmacy. No script needed!

Call them for more info! 570-582-2027

KN95 masks for sale.

Wind Gap Community Pharmacy has KN95 masks for sale. They come either individually for \$5.50 a mask or a pack of 10 for \$55.00. Limited quantity!

They still have masks for free for the community along with free hand sanitizer.

They are located at 31 West 1st Street Wind Gap
Monday - Friday 8:00-6:00, Saturday 8:00-1:00.

610-881-4260.

State PUA in full Operation

The PA Department of Labor & Industry today announced that the state's Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) system is now fully operational.

Claimants who previously filed their applications for benefits can now visit the site to complete their weekly certification and receive benefits. Over 162,000 claimants with completed applications on file were notified via email that they could now file for benefit payments.

County Government Center

Citizens with Election-related business may enter the Northampton County Government Center, 669 Washington Street Easton, beginning May 11, 2020 through June 2 for election-related business includes registering to vote and applying for or dropping off Absentee/Mail-in ballots. The Government Center has been closed to the public since March 19th. Anyone entering the Center is required to wear a mask and must submit to a temperature check at the door.

The public may enter the Northampton County Government Center for the following actions:

The courthouse will also be open for:

- Anyone who needs to post bail. This includes a bondsman or a third party surety.
- Any person and their legal representative(s) having business before the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County. (For questions as to whether you are required to appear, call Court Administration at 610-829-6700).
- Any person needing to make an application for a 'Protection from Abuse' order will continue to be admitted.
- Any person and/or their legal representative who believes, in good faith, that a statute of limitations pertaining to them may expire before the courthouse reopens to the public.

Takeout Food Tips

Getting takeout from your favorite restaurant for dinner? Use these tips to stay safe:

- Mobile phone order + pay online or by phone
- Accept take-out without in-person contact
- Stay 6 feet away from others
- Soap wash your hands after pickup

Slate Belt Textile History

The Slate Belt Heritage Center's *A History of the Slate Belt Textile Industry* will be released May 23.

The book follows the history of 376 mills from the early 1900's to present, and highlights the people responsible for the growth of the industry.

A post May 18, will feature each of four co-authors speaking about their contributions to the book on the Heritage center's Facebook page and the Sigel Museum website.

Pre-ordered books will be available May 23, from 9-noon. Pre-orders with paid shipping will be mailed that day. Call 610-599-4993 to purchase your book.

Summer Reading Program

Readers K-12 will explore all things magical and mystical this summer as Bangor Library presents "Imaging Your Story." Activities may include art, science and engineering experiments, and more.

The program will feature prize drawings, story times, a reading club, and more. Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program.

Due to COVID 19 the library's program will be virtual. The library will provide virtual materials for families every Thursday on their social media pages as well as make and take materials for families. Reading Logs will be available and prizes will be awarded in the Fall when the library can reopen. Reading logs can be found on the library's web and social media pages. Copies will also be left out on the steps when possible.

Postings begin on Thursday, June 18 and continue every Thursday until, August 20th. Registration for "Imagine Your Story" begins now.

All registration forms can be found on the library's social media pages, the web page www.bangorlibrary.org under News and Announcements. Forms can be emailed to the library at info@bangorlibrary.org or placed in the library's mail slot in the front door. All programs are free.