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**CORONAVIRUS**

## Wolf shuts down Montco schools

Staff and wire reports

**HARRISBURG** » Gov. Tom Wolf Thursday ordered all schools in Montgomery County shut down for two weeks in the wake of another spike in cases of coronavirus in the county.

The governor made the decision after four new cases of COVID-19 were detected in the county, bringing the statewide total to 22. Delaware County continues to have one case of presump-

tive coronavirus. Wolf's edict also shuts down all gyms and places strict bans on many public gatherings.

Critical infrastructure, including hospitals, supermarkets and drug stores will remain open.

Wolf said the order will take effect today for all schools, as well as community centers and entertainment venues. Critical infrastructure, including health care facilities and pharmacies, will remain open.

Pennsylvania has reported 22 cases of COVID-19 infection, and more than half are in Montgomery County, which has more than 800,000 residents.

Wolf said the approach is planned to last for two weeks but will be continually evaluated.

The governor urged nonessential retail establishments in Montgomery County to shut down. He said gas stations, groceries, government facilities, utilities and

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Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine provides an update Friday on the coronavirus and outlines steps to take to stay healthy.

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**CORONAVIRUS**

## LIFE CHANGING

Despite threats, some people continue to conduct business as usual in southern Chester County



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Independent artists collaborate at Talula's Table in downtown Kennett Square on Thursday, from right, Adriana Fitzgerald and Amy Marks Delaney of Tangibilia Singular Goods.

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**KENNETT SQUARE** » The coronavirus crisis is having a significant impact on life in Chester County, as officials made tough decisions to close schools, businesses, concerts and other events in an effort to contain

the virus. Tredyffrin-Easttown school directors Thursday announced all schools in the districts would close for two weeks. Local lawmakers are closing offices temporarily. Municipal meetings are being canceled.

While many are heeding warnings of the severity of the virus, some residents of south-

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ern Chester County were visiting their favorite venues in the borough Thursday.

And they were unafraid. "If we all use good precautions and practices, wash our hands, be thoughtful about distance to people you interact

with, we can keep the virus from spreading beyond control in our personal environments," said Anne Pounds, of Chadds Ford.

She visited Liberty Market on State Street alongside her husband, Bob, for lunch Thursday while picking up some marketing brochures for her business, Welcome Neighbor, which

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**CORONAVIRUS**

## Local law enforcement officers quarantined

They aren't exhibiting any symptoms yet

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**WEST CHESTER** » Six Chester County law enforcement officers who responded to a bomb incident Sunday at a senior living complex in West Goshen Township are being quarantined after the possible exposure to coronavirus.

Four West Goshen police officers and two Chester County sheriff K-9 deputies had direct contact with a K-9 officer from Lower Providence Township who now has a presumed positive case of coronavirus. The direct exposure of the law enforcement individuals occurred during the Arbour Square bomb threat incident Sunday.

All six Chester County-based officers have been quarantined and none of them have displayed any symptoms of coronavirus.

Chester County Health Department Director Jeanne Casner said, "Staff in the Health Department are now undertaking a standard contact tracing investigation on all six individuals, but there is minimal risk to anyone who has come into contact with them because they are not showing any symptoms."

West Goshen Police Chief Joe Gleason said: "We are working closely with the Chester County Health Department and Department of Emergency Services regarding this incident and appreciate the clear advice given regarding the four officers. We are following the Health Department's recommendations for law

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**KENNETT SQUARE**

### Volunteers sought for Red Clay Valley cleanup

More than 700 people are needed to pick up litter along 90 miles of streams and roadways March 28. **PAGE A3**



**CRIME**

### Police investigating Coatesville shooting

The victim is taken to Brandywine Hospital with two gunshot wounds, and the search is on for the shooter. **PAGE A2**

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### Canceling St. Patrick's Day parade right call

Officials in Philadelphia take necessary precautions after a coronavirus case is confirmed in the city. **PAGE A5**

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