

November 13, 2020 - updates will be posted every Friday once DHS and DOH update their data

## **Community Transmission and State Travel Self Quarantine – these are not generated by SCFF**

*The Level of Community Transmission* is a way to understand the extent of COVID-19 spread within a community. The polymerase chain reaction (PCR) Percent Positivity Rate is used to characterize the Level of Community Transmission. PCR is the main test currently used to identify if a person has COVID-19 and is determined by dividing the number of positive PCR tests by the total number of PCR tests performed. For example, if 100 people are tested and 3 are positive for COVID-19, the PCR Percent Positivity Rate is 3%. The Level of Community Transmission is described by three ranges, low, moderate, and substantial.

Low	Less than 5%
Moderate	5% to 10%
Substantial	Greater than 10%

Every Friday each county is given a level. SCFF then uses these levels (along with other factors explained within our temporary visitation policy) to make decisions on visits. As of November 13<sup>th</sup> the following counties are considered “substantial” Armstrong, Bedford, Bradford, Butler, Carbon, Clarion, Erie, Franklin, Huntingdon, Indiana, Juniata, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Mercer, Mifflin, Monroe, Perry, Philadelphia, Potter, Schuylkill, Somerset, Tioga, and Wyoming. We will post this data on our website so you can review what levels counties are in

<https://www.supportiveconcepts.org/covid-info/>

EXCEL transmission report - When you open the data scroll over to the most current columns, to get a better understanding of what is going on in a particular area you want to look at the last 2 columns of data (most current 14 days positivity rates). Positivity rates are one data point, if you want to see others please visit <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Monitoring-Dashboard.aspx>

## **COVID-19 Information for Travelers**

If you have traveled, or plan to travel, to an area where there are high amounts of COVID-19 cases, it is recommended that you stay at home for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania. If you travel to the following states, it is recommended that you quarantine for 14 days upon return:

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Massachusetts
- Michigan

- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Mexico
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Oklahoma
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

In addition to the states in which it is recommended that people stay at home for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania, and recommended that individuals from these states do not travel to Pennsylvania, we also have several neighboring states that meet the travel advisory criteria.

Those states are

Delaware

Maryland

New Jersey

Ohio

West Virginia

Given the interconnected nature of Pennsylvania to neighboring states and the region and mode of transport between these states, a recommendation of quarantine for these states is not practically viable. That said, the department highly discourages, to the extent practical, non-essential travel to and from these states while they meet the travel advisory criteria.