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This announcement replaces the previous statement from March 16, 2020

In light of new developments from Governor Tom Wolf, guidance from local elected officials, and announcements from the Federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) related to the Covid-19 Coronavirus, updated changes to operations are being recommended for the PA Workforce System. This guidance also comes from the PA Bureau of Workforce Development Administration. Positive tests are being identified statewide, and stay-at-home orders are being released and updated daily. It is important for those of us in social services to be vigilant and proactive in planning and response. The Southwest Corner Workforce Development Board (SCWDB) will follow all guidance and recommendations from local and national leaders in regard to Coronavirus response.

As suggested by Governor Wolf, effective today, Monday, March 30, 2020, all SCWDB offices will be closed. These closures will affect SCWDB main offices in Washington, PA and PA CareerLink® centers located in Monaca, Washington, Waynesburg, and Donora. These changes will be in effect through April 30, 2020. As of now, all SCWDB offices will reopen on May 1, 2020. Work by SCWDB staff and all services will continue to be done remotely if possible, but no face-to-face operations will be available. If Governor Wolf releases new directives or the situation changes, this directive will be updated and released. Staff emails and partner contacts for all SCWDB programs can be found at:

<https://southwestcornerwdb.com/covid-19/>

SCWDB will continue to monitor and work with all local, state, and national leaders to ensure the safety of our employers, job seekers, partners, and staff. When more information is available regarding SCWDB operations, it will be released via the following digital formats:

- Website: www.southwestcornerwdb.com
- Facebook: @SouthwestCornerWDB
- Twitter: @SCWDB15

Thank you for your cooperation on these matters. Working together and looking out for each other is what we do best in the Southwest Corner. We must all continue that care and concern in the coming weeks in regard to the Coronavirus.