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In light of the recent announcements from Governor Tom Wolf and the Federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) related to the Covid-19 Coronavirus, some changes in operations are being recommended for the PA Workforce System. This guidance also comes from the PA Bureau of Workforce Development Administration. Positive tests are beginning to be identified locally, and 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 Governor Wolf, effective Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm, 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 immediately and through March 31, 2020. As of now, all SCWDB offices will reopen on April 1, 2020. Work by SCWDB staff and all services will be done remotely if possible, but no face to face operations will be available.**

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](http://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.