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PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

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March 1 – 31, 2020

The past
few months



2019 ends



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Gaming Control Board Reports Total Revenue Up 4.5% In Calendar Year 2019

**Statewide revenue for gaming and fantasy contests totaled over \$3.4 billion in
2019**

HARRISBURG, PA: Figures released today by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board shows total gaming and fantasy contests revenue generated in the Commonwealth during calendar year 2019 was 4.5% above revenue generated in calendar year 2018.

Sources of gaming revenue regulated by the Board include slot machines, table games, internet gaming, retail and internet sports

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2019 Pennsylvania Annual Report

Total Call Volumes

| Total Calls by Call Type | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Call Type | Total Calls by Call Type | Percent | Total Calls |
| INTAKE | 1134 | 10.3% | 1134 |
| Chat | 105 | 1.0% | 105 |
| Hang-ups | 2895 | 24.5% | 2895 |
| Other | 260 | 2.4% | 260 |
| Seeking Casino Information | 4002 | 36.3% | 4002 |
| Seeking Lottery Information | 1910 | 17.3% | 1910 |
| Text | 77 | 0.7% | 77 |
| Wrong Numbers | 828 | 7.5% | 828 |
| Total | 11011 | 100.0% | 11011 |

This table is based on the total call volume received between January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019.

2020 begins...



Conference Week



of showers. Lows around 40.

Thursday, March 12



Day



56°

Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.

Night



42°

Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.



MARCH, 2020

12
MAR

CANCELLED: 2020 CCGP STATEWIDE WEST CONFERENCE



TIME

(Thursday) 8:00 am - 5:00 pm



LOCATION

Wyndham University Center Pittsburgh
100 Lytton Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

EVENT DETAILS

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED, DUE TO ONGOING PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS RELATED TO COVID-19. CONTACT JOSH AT JOSH@PACOUNCIL.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

2020 CCGP STATEWIDE WEST CONFERENCE

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NBA suspends season until further notice after player tests positive for the coronavirus



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Standings



Final

DET 20-46
PHI 39-26

106
124

Final/OT

NY 21-45
ATL 20-47

136
131

Final

CHA 23-42
MIA 41-24

109
98

Postponed

UTA 41-23
OKC 40-24

o221
-4.5

Final

DEN 43-22

97

10:30pm

NO 39-36

ESPN

o232.5

Everything
has changed.



Health & Fitness

Allegheny County Has First Confirmed Coronavirus Cases

The coronavirus has arrived in the Pittsburgh metro area.

By Eric Heyl, Patch Staff

Mar 14, 2020 12:26 pm ET | Updated Mar 14, 2020 2:15 pm ET



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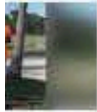
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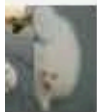
PICKS



'The anchor of my family': Beloved father dies from coronavirus without loved ones by his side



Pop superstar Rihanna donates \$5 million to coronavirus relief efforts



Video: Man uses drone to walk his dog, practice social distancing



'We gotta work together': Landlord decreases rent to \$100 during coronavirus outbreak

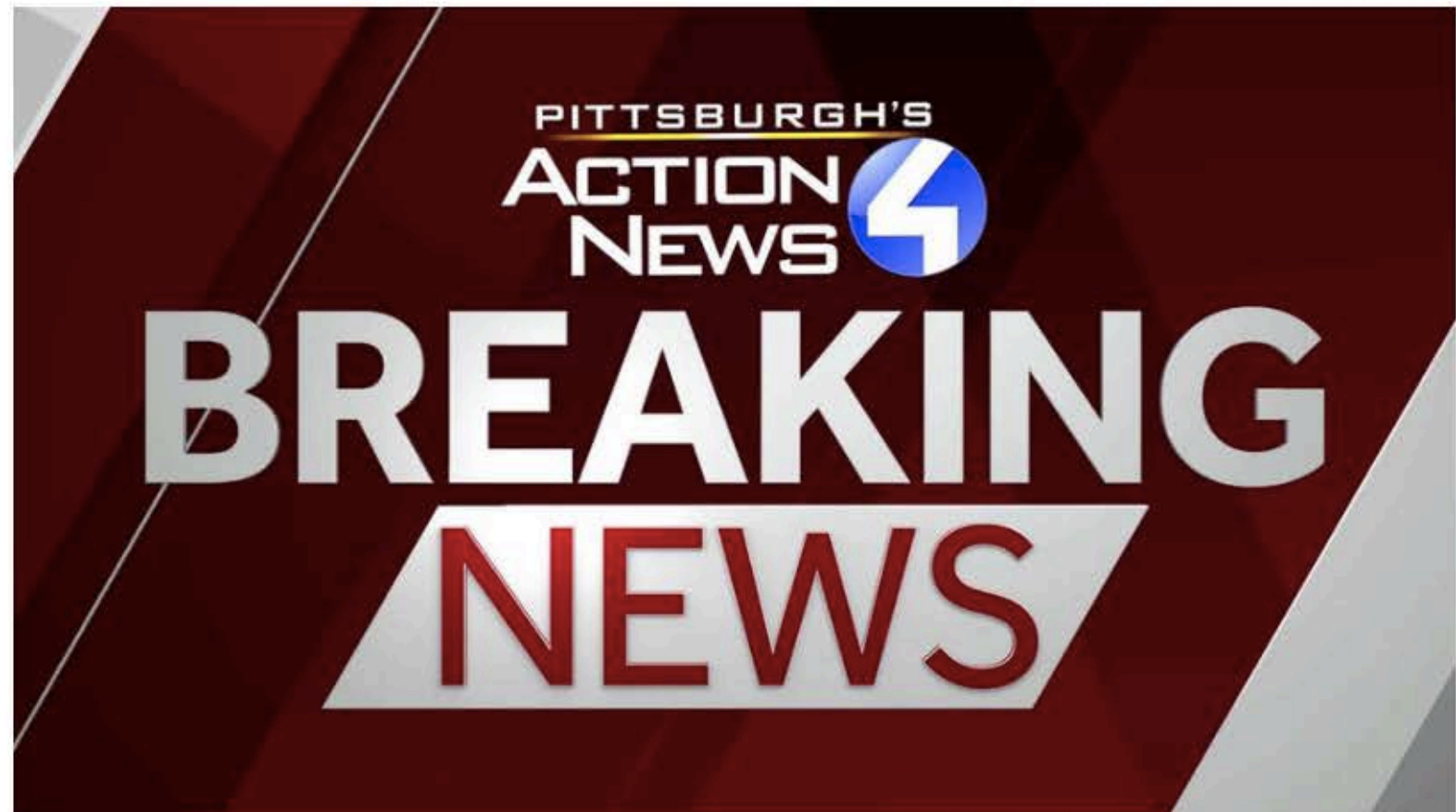
All Pennsylvania casinos ordered to close amid coronavirus spread

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Shares



Updated: 3:15 PM EDT Mar 16, 2020



breaking news



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Starting Salary is \$72,391 a Year. postalexam473.com

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Pa. reports first coronavirus-related death, a man from Northampton County

69 News Mar 18, 2020 Updated Mar 19, 2020



CORONAVIRUS INFO CENTER COVID-19 COVID-19 COVID-19 COVID-19

STORMCENTER UPDATE

505 closings/delays have been reported



TIMELINE: First person dies from coronavirus in Allegheny Co.; 371 cases statewide

First person dies from coronavirus in Allegheny County; 371 cases statewide



CORONAVIRUS



WESTERN PA CASES

44 CASES ACROSS 5 COUNTIES

- ▶ Allegheny: 31
- ▶ Washington: 5
- ▶ Westmoreland: 4
- ▶ Beaver: 3
- ▶ Butler: 1



**What it all
means**



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Online Gambling Stands Ready as Casinos Close

Trade group lobbies for looser restrictions, with benefit to states of replacing lost tax revenue



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» 3/17 [Sports betting legislation across the country also likely coming to standstill](#)

THIS ARTICLE IS A PART OF CDC GAMING REPORTS' CONTINUING CORONAVIRUS COVERAGE: [CLICK HERE TO VIEW ALL ARTICLES.](#)

Shut-out by virus, gamblers turning to online betting

Wayne Parry, Associated Press · March 17, 2020 at 7:42 pm



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ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) – Some gamblers who suddenly can't go to a casino to play slot machines, cards or roulette are migrating to internet casinos as the coronavirus



NEW YORK POST



NEWS

Can't bet on sports? Try the weather instead

By Gabrielle Fonrouge

March 17, 2020 16:37pm



**What do we
do now?**



Teletherapy

POLICY BULLETIN 20-01

Ellen DiDomenico
Deputy Secretary
Drug and Alcohol Programs



March 20, 2020

Effective Date: Immediately

Subject: Telehealth Services for Gambling Treatment

On March 6, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7101, et seq., Governor Tom Wolf issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency related to the novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

During the term of this Disaster Emergency, providers who have a grant agreement with the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to provide outpatient problem gambling services may use grant funds to provide assessments and outpatient counseling for clients using telehealth technology.

Counselors who have grant agreements are able to provide telehealth using real-time, two-way interactive audio-video transmission services in the office setting. While the two-way interactive transmission is the preferred method, services provided by telephone and in the home are also acceptable.

All federal and state privacy and confidentiality requirements applicable to in person services remain



**Problem Gambling
Network of Ohio**

Friday March 27, 2020 at 12:00 pm EDT

To Register: PGNOhio.org/EVENTS

**PGNO Webinar:
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Quick Steps to Get
Started**

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Daily GA Phone Meetings

Temporary Conference Call Meeting Information

As of Wednesday, 3/18, 2020, Gamblers Anonymous will have an accommodation for all Gamblers Anonymous members who have been told that their regular meeting facilities have been closed due to the current health emergency.

The Board of Trustees Telephone Conference Call Committee has been operating a weekly Telephone Conference Call meeting for the last 6 years. With the approval of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the committee has volunteered to hold daily meetings. Accordingly, there will be a telephone conference call meeting every day of the week at 9:00 PM New York Time, which is GMT -4, lasting for 2 hours. These will meetings are designated as approved Gamblers Anonymous meetings. These meetings are scheduled to continue for a 2-week period, but may be extended additional weeks, if required.

Daily GA Phone Meetings

| Day and Time | Call In Number | Meeting Code | Email for Information and Questions |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|--|
| Sunday 9PM | 712-770-5338 | 836083 # | Sunday9PMHelp@gmail.com |
| Monday 9PM | 712-770-4925 | 554671 # | Monday9PMHelp@gmail.com |
| Tuesday 9PM | 712-770-4943 | 253824 # | Tuesday9PMHelp@gmail.com |
| Wednesday 9PM | 712-770-4160 | 611704 # | Wednesday9PMHelp@gmail.com |
| Thursday 9PM | 712-770-4981 | 872853 # | Thursday9PMHelp@gmail.com |
| Friday 9PM | 712-770-4996 | 595094 # | Friday9PMHelp@gmail.com |
| Saturday 9PM | 712-770-5335 | 491301 # | Saturday9PMHelp@gmail.com |

The telephone conference call platform we are using has local access telephone numbers for 74 different countries. If you are going to call from a foreign country, please use the appropriate email address to request the local calling numbers.

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NEWS

Gambling Addiction Meetings Go Virtual

March is problem gambling awareness month, and Nevada has a higher rate of problem gamblers than most states.

Thursday, March 19th 2020, 3:28 AM PDT by Chris Buckley

Updated: Thursday, March 19th 2020, 4:41 AM PDT



POPULAR STORIES

Governor Sisolak Issues List of Non-Essential Businesses

March 20th, 1:46 PM PDT

Sierra Safari Zoo in Need of COVID-19 Pandemic

March 21st, 3:30 PM PDT

Coronavirus Statistics, So Health District Reports Surge to COVID-19

March 19th, 3:57 PM PDT

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PA Gaming Control Board Launches New Problem Gambling Website

as Kickoff to Problem Gambling Awareness Month

HARRISBURG, PA: The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) is recognizing March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in order to promote resources intended to help individuals with a gambling problem.

As part of the agency's efforts to raise awareness of problem and compulsive gambling and provide both professionals and individuals with information, the PGCB has launched an updated user-friendly website that provides information on how to recognize the warning signs of a gambling problem and to find treatment options that are available in Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth Lanza, Director of the PGCB's Office of Compulsive and Problem Gambling says that while the agency recognizes that most individuals can gamble in a safe, responsible manner, not all are able to control their gambling behavior.

"Gambling addiction is real, is preventable and is treatable, and the PGCB and its partners want all PA citizens who face the perils of problem gambling to know that treatment is available and effective," says Lanza. "This includes the launch of a new website with easy-to-find information on detecting a gambling problem along with various avenues available for help."

Lanza says the new website address is www.ResponsiblePlay.pa.gov and can also be accessed via a link on the homepage of the



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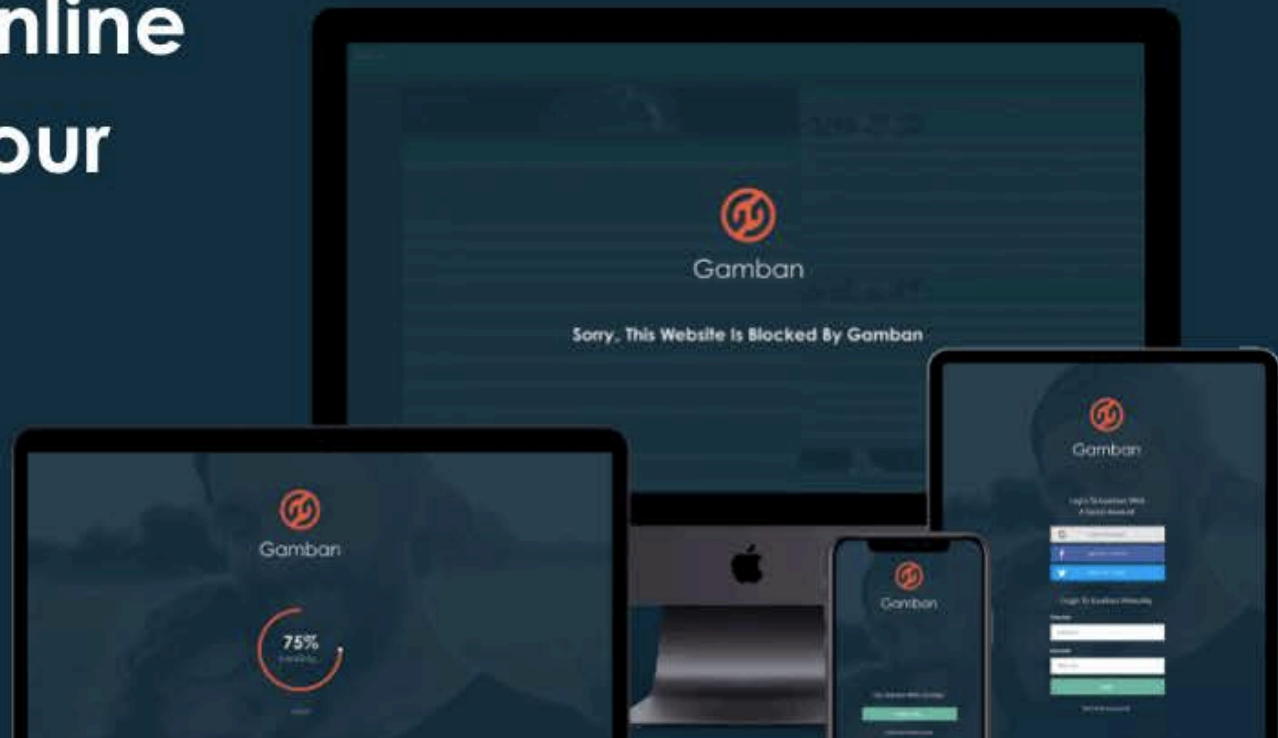
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