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## Pa. mandates masks for anyone who leaves their home amid virus increases



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### Health Secretary Rachel Levine said the order was necessary to prevent another statewide shutdown

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HARRISBURG — Pennsylvanians are now required to wear masks whenever they leave their homes — rather than simply when they enter businesses — under a new order issued by the Wolf administration in response to the recent increase in coronavirus cases.

Over the past 14 days, new positive cases have been rising in 21 counties, according to Spotlight PA's COVID-19 tracker: The increases are being led by Allegheny County and the surrounding counties, including Beaver; Butler; Armstrong; Washington, and Westmoreland.

"Those hot spots can be traced to situations where Pennsylvanians were not wearing masks or practicing social distancing — two practices that must be adhered to if we want to maintain the freedoms we have in place under our reopening," Gov. Tom Wolf said in a statement.

The order, signed by Health Secretary Rachel Levine, states that masks must be worn by those who are outside and unable to maintain six feet of space from others. Those who are visiting an indoor area where the general public is permitted must also wear face coverings. People in hospitals, pharmacies, veterinary clinics, and other health-care settings must also wear a mask.

The order also reiterates that workers must wear masks when preparing food or interacting with members of the public.

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### Bradford County now up to 52 confirmed COVID-19 cases

**BY THE REVIEW**

After spending much of last week with 50 confirmed COVID-19 cases to date, and climbing to 51 with Tuesday's reporting, Bradford County now has 52 confirmed cases to date, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

The county has had six probable cases since the department's June 19 reporting, and three related deaths since May 19.

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Athens Borough-based State Farm agent Adam Bennett presents a \$500 scholarship to Athens Area High School sophomore Karlee Bartlow for her winning design in the No Excuses Billboard Design Contest. Also pictured are Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Safety Press Officer Kim Smith and Highway Safety Network Traffic Safety Program Coordinator Mike Diehl.

### AAHS student wins regional driving safety contest, work will be featured on billboard

**BY MATT HICKS**  
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ATHENS — When Karlee Bartlow started work on her entry for the No Excuses Billboard Design Contest as a freshman, she didn't expect to win anything or even be a finalist.

"I thought it was just fun to do the project," she said.

But Wednesday morning, officials with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Highway Safety Network, and area State Farm agent Adam Bennett were presenting Bartlow and the Athens Area High School with \$500 scholarships for her winning entry, which was chosen above many others from all grade levels across PennDOT Engineering District 3. Starting Oct. 19, she will be able to enjoy another perk of her accomplishment — having her design featured on an area billboard along Route 220 as part of National Teen Driver Safety Week.

"That's really cool," Bartlow said about having her work featured on such a visible medium. "I'm just so grateful for this opportunity."

A focus of the contest was to address the top cause of teen deaths — motor vehicle crashes — and was initially targeted for National Driving Distracted Awareness Month in April, but had to be delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to PennDOT Safety Press Officer Kim Smith, Bartlow's entry was chosen because it went beyond just texting.

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## Pennsylvania State Police investigating person impersonating police in Towanda

**BY COY GOBBLE**  
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TOWANDA TOWNSHIP — Pennsylvania State Police in Towanda confirmed that they were investigating an unknown person impersonating a police officer in the Towanda area on Wednesday.

The incident that prompted the investigation took place in the Moppet's on Mulberry; a Towanda Township child care center, parking lot on Wednesday, June 24.

Samantha Rubeck, a Rome mother, was driving on Main Street in Towanda on her way to pick up her twins at Moppet's when she noticed a dark in color newer model sedan tailgating her.

After crossing the intersection perpendicular to the Bradford County Veterans Memorial Bridge to South Main Street, she noticed that the sedan was tailgating her so close that she could not see his headlights

in her rear view mirror. She sped up to get some distance between the vehicles but the sedan kept tailgating her, she told the Review last week.

At this point Rubeck attempted to hit the brakes to get the sedan to stop tailgating her, and he did for a few seconds, but then returned to tailgating her.

Nervous for her 13-year-old son who was in the vehicle with her, the frustrated mother rolled down the window and gave the tailgater the middle finger.

"A few seconds later his grill started flashing lights, kind of like a strobe light," she recounted. "I thought it was a cop."

When she realized that the man tailgating her might be a police officer she had reached her destination of the Moppet's on Mulberry Childcare Center and pulled into the parking lot.

The sedan pulled in behind her with its lights flashing. A white man dressed in jeans

and a faded black T-shirt with brown, buzzed hair and a goatee with a mustache exited the vehicle and approached her window. Rubeck said he was between 5'10" and 6' tall.

"He reminded me of a police officer," Rubeck said of why she assumed the man was a cop. "I was thinking I just brake checked and flipped off a cop."

The man told her that she needed to stop speeding through town and to be careful about who she flips off. Rubeck replied that police shouldn't tailgate people. He did not refute that he was a police officer.

Then the man became aware of Rubeck's son in the front seat of the vehicle. At this time she said the man's demeanor had totally changed and that he told her son, who is a person of color, to not be afraid of him.

The man then got in his vehicle and left. It wasn't until Rubeck stepped inside and told people in Moppet's about what had happened that she considered that

the man was not a police officer.

"He didn't ask for registration, license, insurance, anything," she said.

Rubeck called Towanda Borough Police the next morning and spoke with Chief Randy Epler who told her that he did not have any police officers out of uniform the previous night, and that when she was pulled over was out of his jurisdiction as a borough police force. He then directed her to State Police in Towanda.

The Review spoke with State Police on Wednesday, who confirmed that they were investigating the case. Police also said that State Police do not use flashing white lights, but only red and blue lights. If anyone has information about the incident, police asks them to contact the barracks in Towanda.

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