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## **Press Release**

**Tuesday July 21, 2020**

**Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez announced today that the City of Bethlehem Health Bureau will be visiting City businesses over the next several weeks in an effort to provide education on the latest COVID-19 public health guidance, answer questions and monitor for adherence to COVID-19 safety regulations. These regulation include, but are not limited to, masking and capacity limits.**

**Mayor Donchez stated, "Our success in re-opening and slowing down the spread of COVID-19 will largely be driven by compliance with health and safety guidelines and Orders." As of July 20, 2020, Bethlehem had a total of 1,126 cases and 82 deaths. Bethlehem currently has a positivity rate of 2.2% which is down from 28.4% in April.**

**City of Bethlehem officials urge businesses to comply with existing COVID-19 protections to avoid the resurgence of infections.**

**The ultimate goal of the visits is to help save lives and prevent businesses from having to close by informing and educating establishments about the proper protocols and how to comply. Businesses and retail establishments that are violating the Orders will be given a warning and a short period of time to come into compliance. Information about safety protocols for businesses can be found on the City's coronavirus webpage at [www.bethlehem-pa.gov](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov).**

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