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HARRISBURG

Last call to visit State Museum as yearslong renovations begin



Today is the last day to stop by The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg before it shuts down for a three-year renovation project. The museum at 300 North St. is open from noon to 4 p.m. today, with pay-as-you-wish admission. Then the museum is expected to remain closed until early 2029. In June 2025, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission announced a \$55 million upgrade to the building and the tower next to it that used to house the State Archives. The renovation will be paid for out of the Department of General Services capital fund, which is financed through 20-year bonds. It is the first major project at the museum since it opened in 1964, although some exhibits have been remodeled through the years. In preparation for the project, the museum's third floor, including the mammal hall and planetarium, closed in January. Visitors continue to have access to the first and second floors. Much of the museum will be gutted to add wheelchair-accessible elevators, new restrooms and a reconfigured first floor, which will feature a new entryway, exhibit spaces and new gift shops, among other upgrades. "This is going to be, I think, really transformative for Pennsylvania history, for the agency and for the capital region as well in terms of being a destination," Andrea Lowery, executive director of the PHMC, told PennLive in 2025. *Photos by Dan Gleiter, PennLive*



The State Museum, left, and the PHMC Tower that formerly housed the State Archives are part of the renovation.



The store at The State Museum of Pennsylvania was being packed up on Thursday.

HEALTHCARE

State updates child vaccine guidelines as measles spreads

The Health Department is suggesting babies receive an early dose because of the rising number of cases.

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Measles cases continue to spread in Pennsylvania, prompting new guidelines for vaccinations for babies.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has tracked 167 cases of measles this year statewide. The majority of them have been found in southeastern Pennsylvania, particularly Lancaster, Chester and Lebanon counties.

Of those cases, 32 people were hospitalized. More than a third of those cases were found in people younger than 18.

As of Friday, the Department of Health reported that 31 new cases were found in the previous week.

The increasing infection rates are being found nationwide, with the total number of new cases reported this year exceeding the number of new cases in all of 2025.

According to the state Health Department measles dashboard, none of those infected this year was fully vaccinated from the disease.

Measles is highly contagious, meaning people who aren't vaccinated can easily catch it and spread new infections. The virus can linger in the air up to two hours after an infected person has left.

The disease can cause serious and potentially deadly health problems, and children under 5 are particularly at risk.

STATE UPDATES GUIDANCE

The first dose of vaccines for measles are usually administered to infants (along with the vaccine for mumps and rubella, and sometimes for varicella, aka chicken pox) around a year old.

But according to Health Department guidelines, "in an outbreak, they should receive these doses more quickly."

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NATION & WORLD

Pleading the Fifth

“Pleading the Fifth,” as Dr. Anthony Fauci did more than 100 times in a Senate hearing, invokes an amendment with a long history. **B2**

SPORTS

Saving a club

A former Camp Hill girls basketball star is part of a group that is seeking to save the 100-plus-year-old Carlisle Country Club. **C1**

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