

## When will Penn National's new casino along the Pa. Turnpike open?

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If you're driving from Harrisburg to Philadelphia on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, there will soon be one landmark that will stand out around the Morgantown exit, exit 298.

Construction is coming along on Hollywood Casino Morgantown in Caernarvon Township, Berks County, which is just located off the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Interstate 176. The casino is expected to open towards the end of this year, according to Penn National Gaming spokesperson Jeff Morris. The casino is considered a mini-casino, called a Category 4 casino. Mini casinos became legalized in Pennsylvania in 2017.

Originally, Penn National Gaming officials had hoped for an opening for the \$111 million casino by the end of last year.

Plans for Penn National's Morgantown casino in 2019 called for up to 750 slot machines, 30 table games, a full sports betting lounge, a restaurant, entertainment lounge and a food court. But plans for Hollywood Casino Morgantown and Hollywood Casino York, another casino that Penn National is building at the York Galleria Mall in Springettsbury Township, York County may not be the same when the casinos do open as delays in construction have given officials more time to plan.

"We have utilized this additional time to reimagine our offerings at these properties and will have more information to share in the coming months," Morris said in an e-mail.

Hollywood Casino Morgantown is owned by Berks County-based Penn National Gaming, which also owns Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course in East Hanover Township. Penn National owns casinos across the county but this will be its first casino in its home county.

Pennsylvania currently has 14 casinos and nine are located in the eastern part of the state and five are located in western Pennsylvania. The state's newest casino, the 510,000-square-foot [Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia](#) opened last month.

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