

THIS CALL IS BEING RECORDED

DHS Provider Briefings

Thursday 1/21/21

Briefings occur weekly, on Thursdays, at 4:30 PM



Agenda

- Announcements
- Free Tax Preparation Assistance (Carolyn Bebb)
- Health metrics
- Vaccine information
- Program updates



COVID-19



Squirrel Hill Health Center Mobile Testing Sites

Friday, Jan 22, 1:00pm - 4:00

Squirrel Hill, Jewish Association on Aging
300 JHF Drive Pittsburgh PA 15217

Pre-registration link:

<http://alleghenycovidtesting.com>

Walk-ins welcomed

Insurance not required. However, if you have insurance
that will

cover the cost, your insurance will be billed

Active Solicitations

RFP for Family-Centered Service Coordination for Families Involved with Child Welfare and Mental Health Services

- Proposals due Tuesday, February 9

RFP for Foster Care Agencies

- Proposals due Wednesday, February 10

Pre-proposal conferences held last week for both RFPs.

- Slides and recordings will be on the Solicitations site this evening.
- We are working to finalize answers to questions from both sessions and will update the Q&A docs with final answers soon.

[Link](#) to DHS Solicitations



FREE TAX PREPARATION 2021

FREETAXPREP@ALLEGHENYCOUNTY.US



VETERANS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



of WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
FOUNDED BY VIETNAM VETERANS



Allegheny Valley Assoc
of Churches



Who Can We Help?

- ❑ Household income of \$57,000 or less
- ❑ Valid government issued Photo ID and social security card required
- ❑ Working families eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit
- ❑ Taxpayers who need to file a tax return to receive stimulus money



FREE TAX PREP

Virtual Tax Preparation

freetaxprep.alleghenycounty.us

PA211SW.org

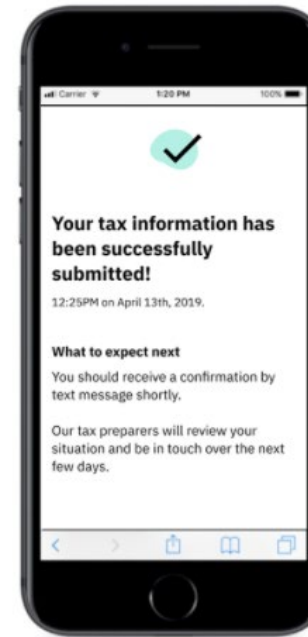
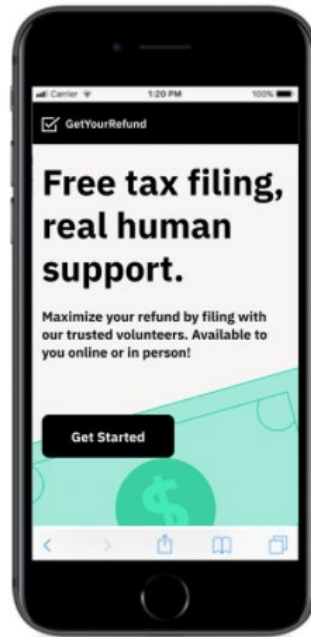


Get your taxes done virtually at no cost to you.

Allegheny County is offering residents tax preparation services from the safety of home. IRS-certified volunteers will help you to keep more of what you've earned. Plus, you'll get your refund more quickly!

TAX PREP

Virtual Tax Preparation



Tax filers answer simple questions.



Tax filers securely upload necessary documents.



GetYourRefund connects tax filers with VITA.



GetYourRefund partners with VITA to prepare and review tax returns.



VITA files returns with tax filers' consent.

All you need is a phone number, an email address and internet access. If you don't have a tablet or computer, you can use your smartphone.

FREE TAX PREP

Hybrid Tax Preparation

- No Technology Needed
- Limited contact with taxpayers
- Two short appointments – one week apart
 - ▣ First appointment is to collect information
 - ▣ Second appointment is to review and sign the return
- PA211SW.org or dial 211 to schedule
- Limited availability and please use virtual if possible

Policy & Legislative Update - Federal & State

- President Biden signed 17 executive orders on his first day in office yesterday, including one instructing the CDC to immediately extend the federal eviction moratorium through the end of March.
 - Biden has committed to working with Congress to extend the moratorium further through September.
- PA Department of Health Secretary Rachel Levine was chosen by President Biden to serve as Assistant Secretary of Health for the US Department of Health and Human Services.
 - Gov Wolf will announce a replacement in the coming days.
- In a [report](#) released this morning, PA's Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) increased their estimate of the COVID-19 related state budget deficit to \$2b.
 - Without additional federal stimulus, either tax increases, spending cuts, or borrowing will be a part of the budget negotiations before Fiscal Year 2021-2022 starts on July 1.
- The County Commissioners Association of PA (CCAP) [released](#) their top 5 legislative priorities for the General Assembly: election reform, the expansion of broadband access, solutions to the emergency medical services crisis, protecting funding for county human services and increasing funding for community-based mental health services.

Policy & Legislative Update - Local

- Local PA State Representative Ed Gainey announced he is running for Mayor of Pittsburgh
 - Current Mayor Bill Peduto announced last week he is seeking a third term this year
- On Tuesday, Pittsburgh City Council members Ricky Burgess and R. Daniel Lavelle introduced an ordinance that would ban police from serving "no-knock" warrants in Pittsburgh.
 - A "no knock" warrant was utilized in the shooting death of Breonna Taylor last year in Kentucky.
 - Currently, no knock warrants are not utilized in Pittsburgh and are illegal in Pennsylvania, but the legislation seeks to ban them from any future use.
 - The Alliance for Police Accountability in Pittsburgh has also worked toward implementing this ordinance through a referendum.

Recent Federal Stimulus -- Key Supports for Individuals

- **Economic Impact Payments**

- One-time \$600 payments to individuals (full payment for AGI up to \$75k, reduced amount until \$87k). \$600 for dependents. Most eligible people will get payments automatically; other eligible individuals will need to file 2020 tax returns
- For more information: IRS [FAQ](#) and [check payment status](#)

- **Emergency Rental Assistance Program**

- \$25 billion nationwide to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Allegheny County Rental Assistance website for updates: <https://covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us/>

- **SNAP benefit increase and easier access for college students** (information from USDA)

- Provides a 15% increase in SNAP benefits for 6 months (January 1 - June 30, 2021) for all SNAP participants
- Temporarily waives strict work and eligibility requirements for college students who are eligible for federal or state-funded work study programs during the regular school year, or have no expected family contribution
- For more information: [SNAP eligibility information from USDA](#)

- **Flexibility to leverage Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC)**

- Temporary ability for individuals to use earned income level from 2019 on 2020 tax returns to help workers who experienced lower wages in 2020 get a larger refund, consistent with the amount during a normal year

- **Pell Grant**

- Increase of the maximum award by \$150
- Reinstates eligibility for students who are incarcerated

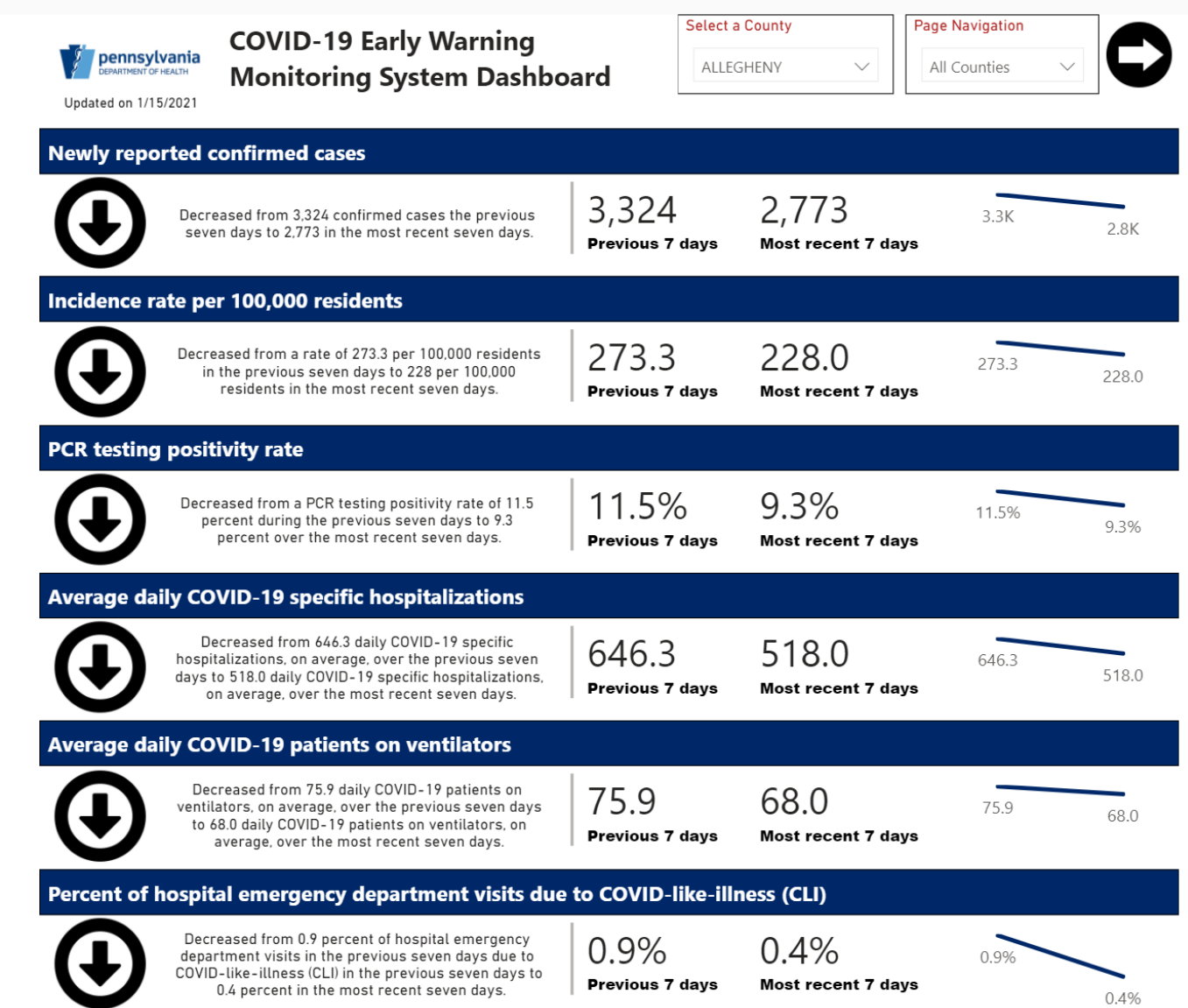
UPDATED COVID-19 DATA MOVES PPS BOARD TO CONSIDER POSTPONING IN-PERSON LEARNING TO APRIL 2021

- Board is considering halting the return to in-person hybrid learning and would postpone the phased-in approach until after Spring Break, April 6, following the anticipated rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine to employees. The Board will vote on the resolution at its **January 27** Legislative Meeting next week.
- To support the return to in-person learning for all students, Allegheny County Health Department, UPMC, and UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh are working with the District to develop a plan to serve all staff and school district bus drivers desiring vaccination. Staff received an interest survey this week.

PA State Metrics

- Compares this week (January 8th to January 14th) to previous week (January 1st to January 7th). Data is updated every Friday.

	% change from last week to this week
Newly reported cases	-20%
Incidence rate per 100,000	-20%
Positivity rate	-24%
Ave. daily hospitalizations	-25%
Ave. daily patients on ventilators	-12%
% ED visits due to CLI	-125%



PA state's early warning system dashboard

(<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Monitoring-Dashboard.aspx>).

The case rate per 100,000 residents has decreased since 12/15. On 1/14, there was a case rate of 606 cases per 100,000. The case rate has been above 50 since 6/24.



COVID-19 in Allegheny County
Metric #4: Case Rate

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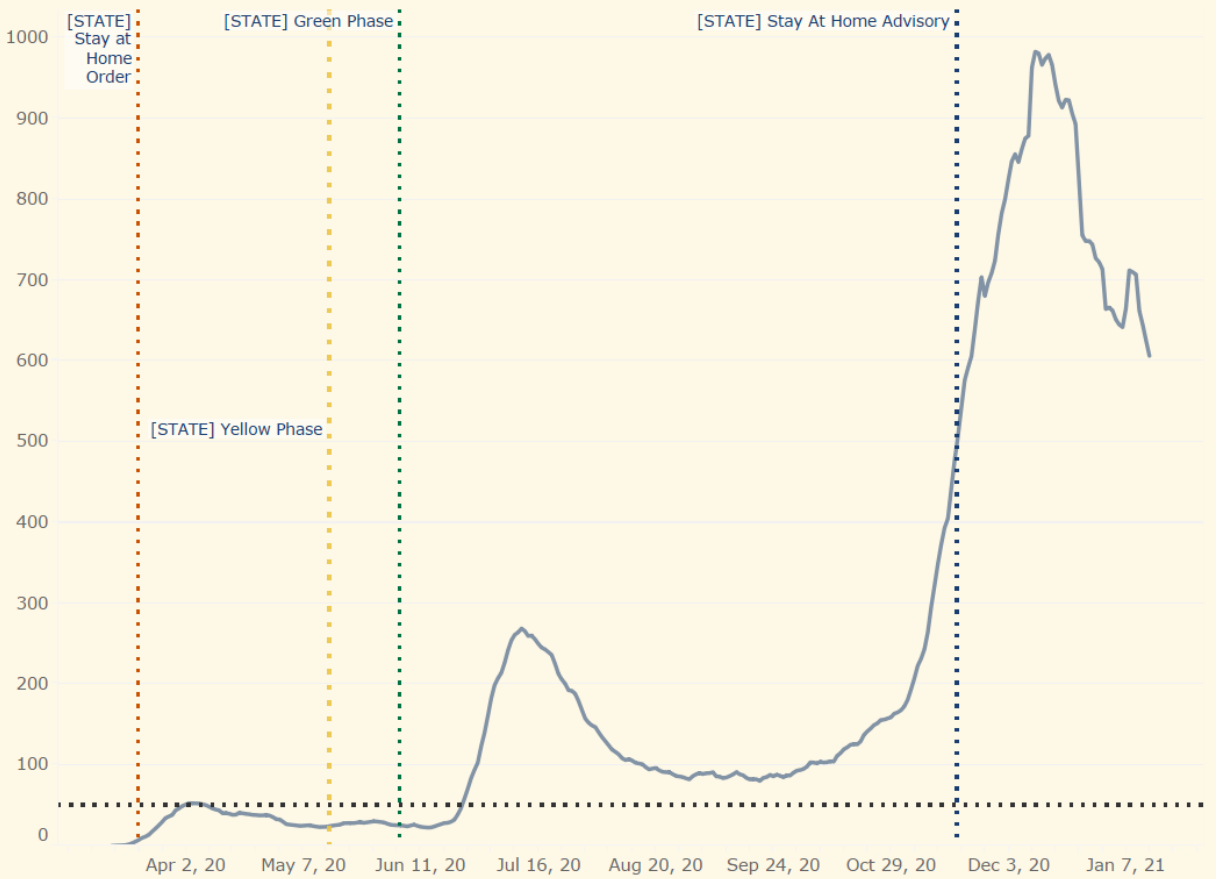
METRIC DEFINITION: The 14 day count of new cases per 100,000 residents is below 50.

Similar to a low case count, a low case rate indicates fewer people are infected and have the ability to spread covid-19 to others.

WEEK BEGINNING ON	AVERAGE COUNT OF CASES PER 100,000	% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	METRIC MET
12/25/2020	737	-18%	X
12/18/2020	901	-7%	X
12/11/2020	970	11%	X
12/4/2020	876		X

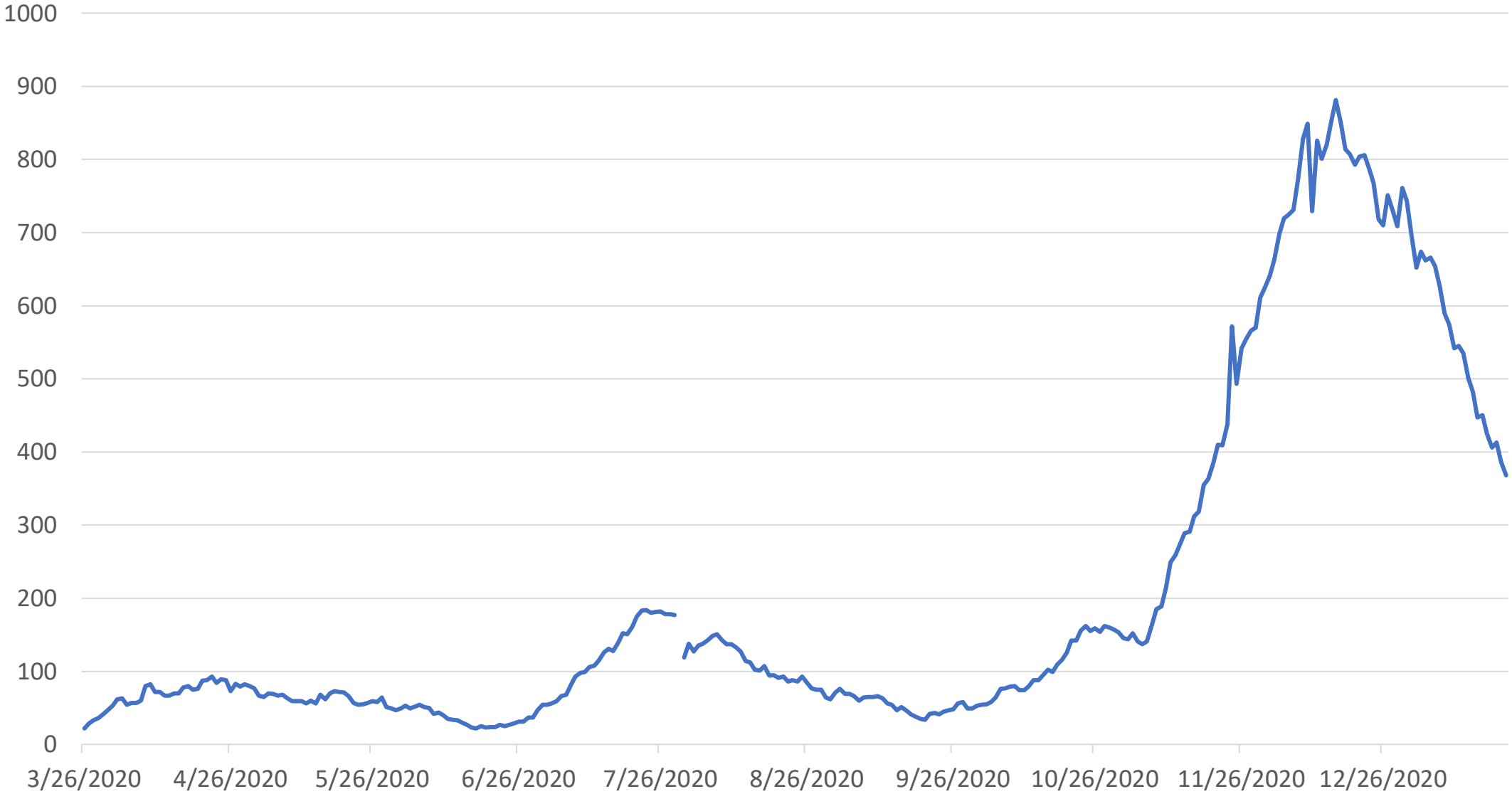
Data Source: PA National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS), 2018 US Census Bureau population estimates
Citation: State of Pennsylvania
<https://www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/>
Note: Per the Health Department, there is a data lag in reported cases and tests.

Data through January 14, 2021 was used for this metric.



The 3-day average of total net hospitalizations has fallen since 12/17 (859). It was 368 on 1/21.

COVID-19 Patients Hospitalized



Deaths have risen since mid-November to a high of 21 (3 day rolling average) on 12/24. Deaths have fallen since then.



COVID-19 in Allegheny County

Metric #7: Decline in Deaths

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METRIC DEFINITION: The daily decline in the 3 day rolling average count of deaths

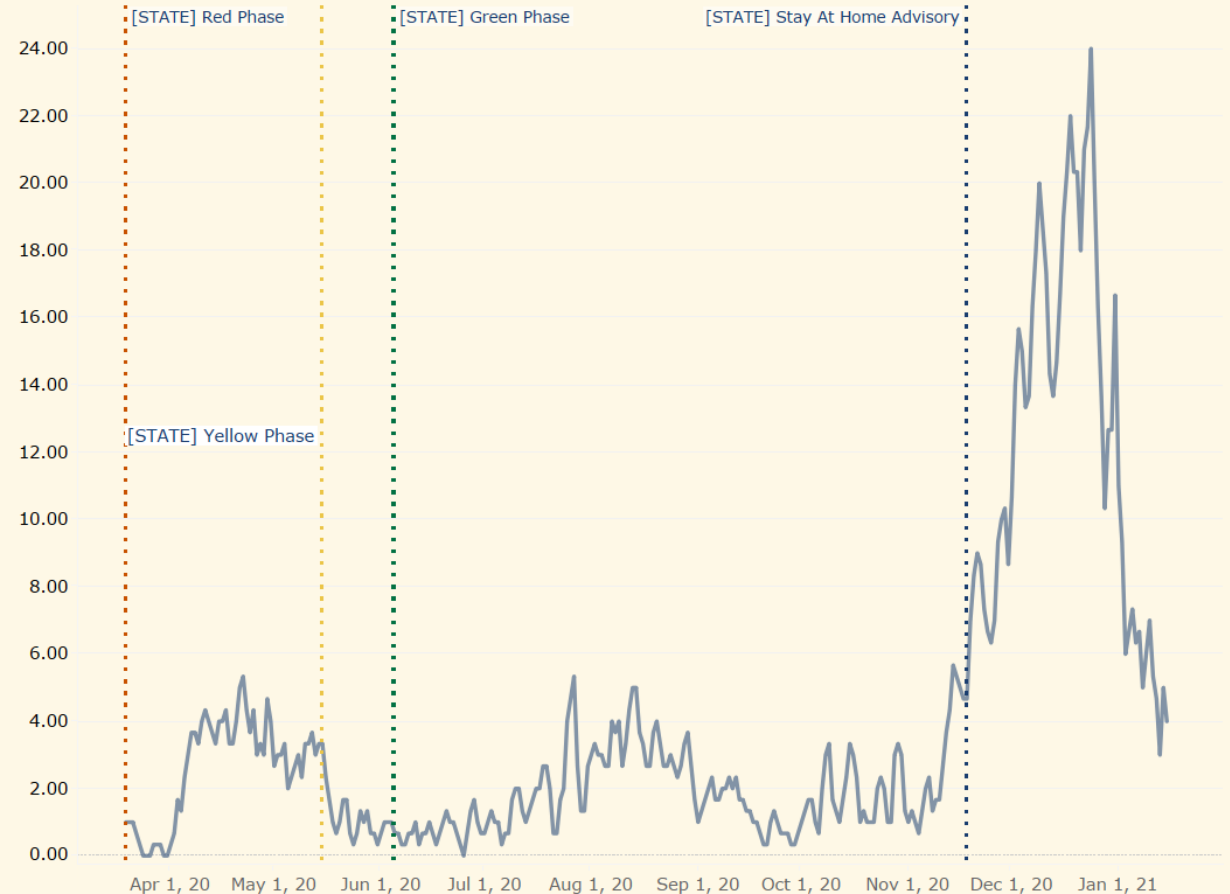
WEEK BEGINNING ON	COUNT OF DEATHS	% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	METRIC MET ON LAST DAY OF WEEK
1/8/2021	37	-14%	X
1/1/2021	43	-57%	X
12/25/2020	99	-34%	X
12/18/2020	151		X

Data Source: Hospital and Health System Association of Pennsylvania (https://public.tableau.com/profile/hap_research#!/vizhome/EEIRegion/EEIRegion)

Citation: State of Massachusetts

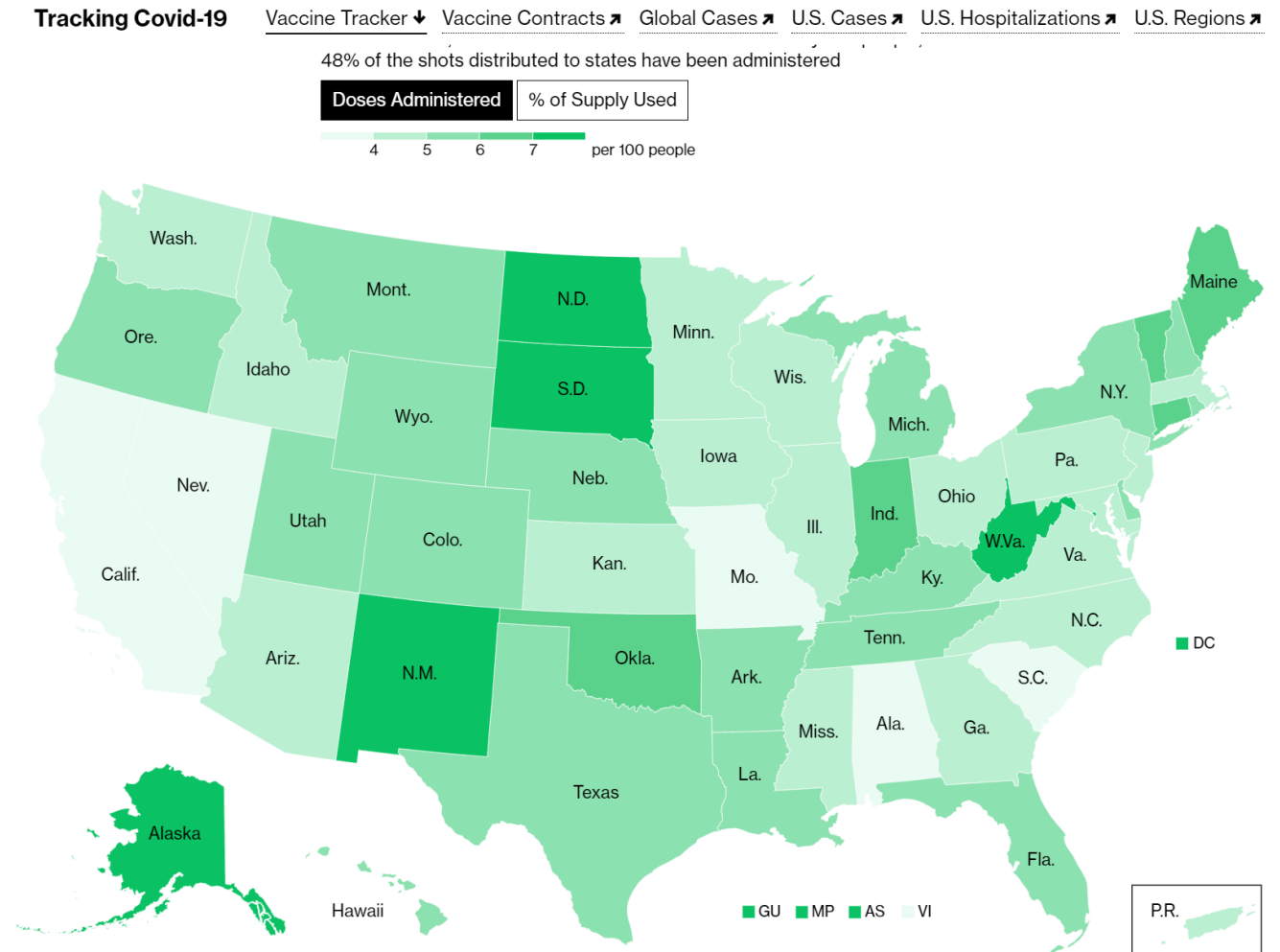
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Vaccine Tracking

- 17.2 million doses administered to date in U.S.
 - 5.2 doses have been administered for every 100 people
- Pennsylvania: 609,000 doses administered
 - 4.76 doses administered per 100 people
 - 98K have received a second dose



Allegheny County

Through 1/21/2021:

- 37,101 partial vaccines and 8,700 full vaccinations have been administered
 - This is 4% of Allegheny County's population

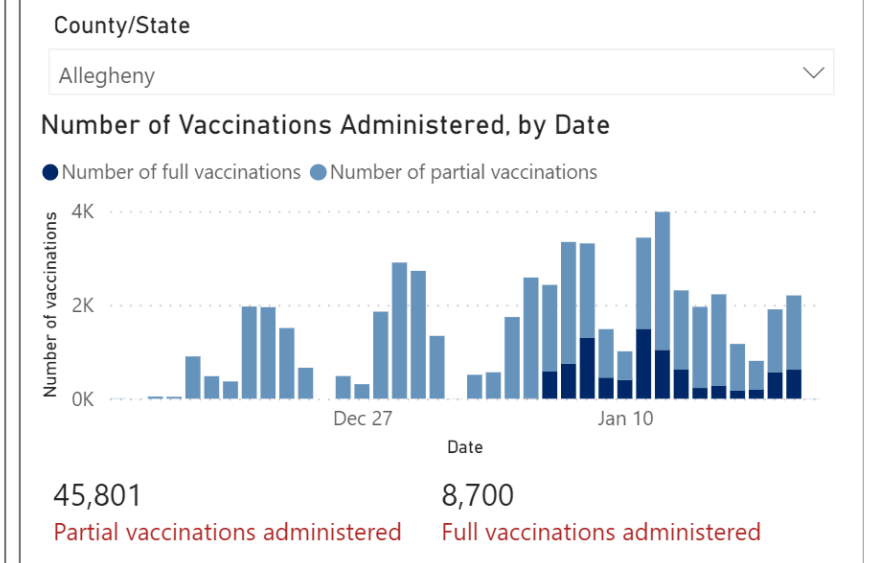
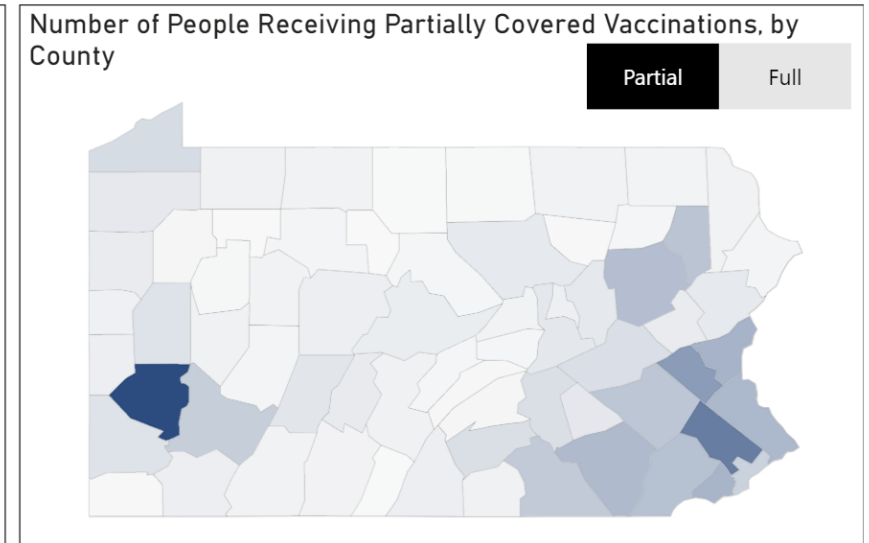
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COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard

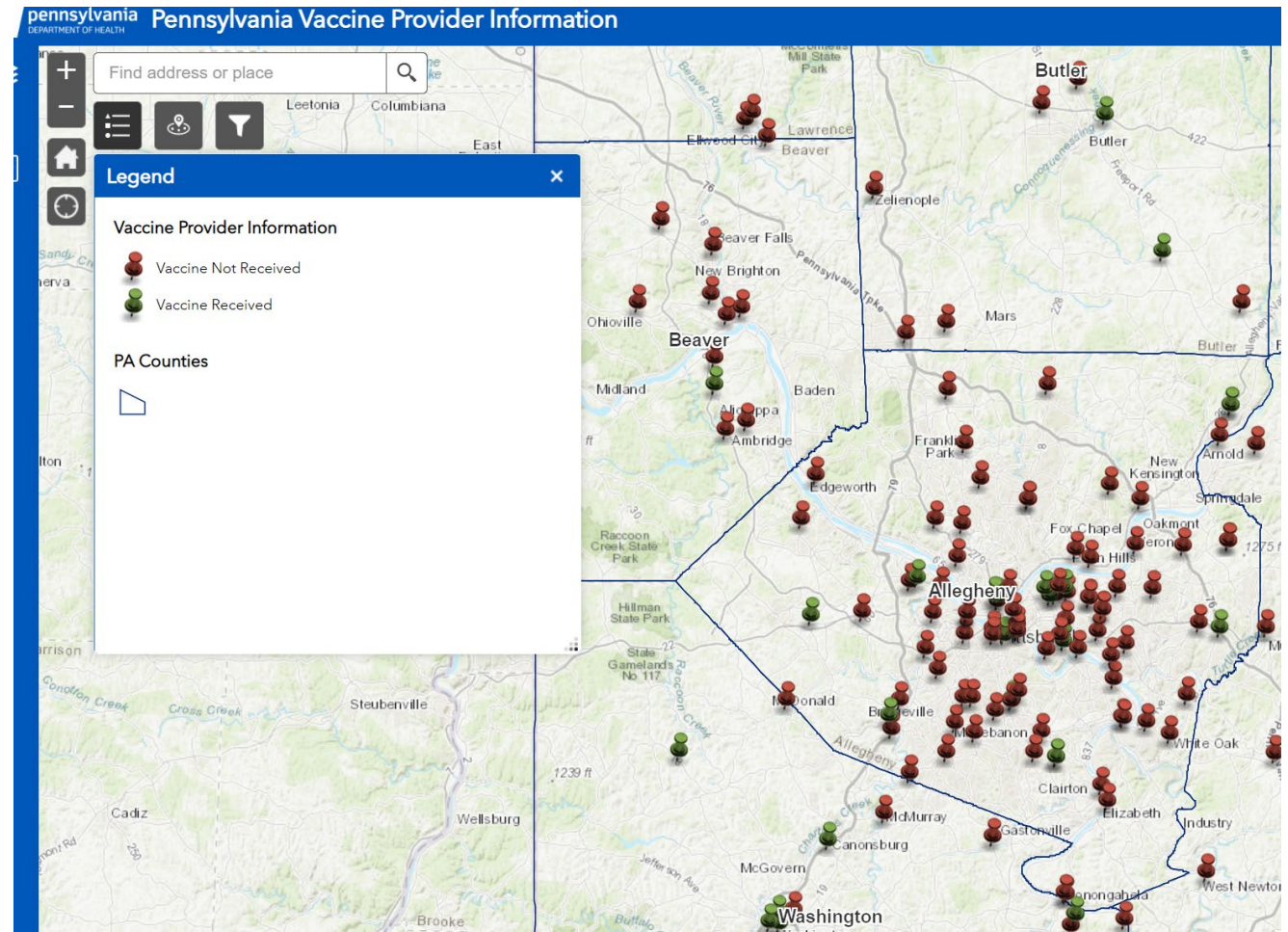
Updated on 1/20/2021

Number of People Vaccinated		
County	Partially Covered	Fully Covered
Adams	1,692	358
Allegheny	37,101	8,700
Armstrong	1,726	249
Beaver	2,112	444
Bedford	1,322	95
Berks	11,020	2,242
Blair	3,063	1,320
Bradford	1,393	479
Bucks	13,865	4,150
Butler	4,842	1,430
Cambria	3,979	1,205
Cameron	123	21
Carbon	2,889	328
Centre	2,558	1,241
Chester	11,986	1,888
Clarion	711	374
Clearfield	2,326	819
Clinton	790	141
Columbia	3,645	577
Crawford	3,503	1,351
Cumberland	5,498	881
Dauphin	5,528	1,293
Delaware	14,605	2,788
Total	354,728	81,009



Vaccine Provider Locations

- The Department of Health recently released a map of vaccine providers that can administer a COVID-19 vaccine to anyone covered by Phase 1A.
- Anyone covered under Phase 1A that has not yet received a COVID-19 vaccine can contact any of these providers to check availability and schedule their vaccination, but we encourage providers to contact sites and coordinate for their employees who are eligible.
- Employees should be prepared to show proof of employment.
- This map is being updated regularly, so please keep checking for new locations with vaccine supply and available appointments.



<https://padoh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0ea7864ea98d423daa3f1711e3cba09e>

Vaccine distribution guidelines (PA based on CDC guidelines)

Phase 1A (CURRENT)	Phase 1B	Phase 1C	Phase 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Healthcare workers and LTCR- Includes ombudsmen, Older Adult Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, and Child Protective Services staff that are required to do on-site assessments in hospitals and 1A long-term care facilities- New:- All adults aged 75 and older- Adults aged 65-74, Adults 18-64 with a serious underlying condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Residents of congregate care facilities- Front-line essential workers including, law enforcement, fire/rescue personnel, emergency services personnel, corrections officers and other staff of non-1A congregate care settings, public transit workers, grocery store workers, education workers, manufacturing workers, and childcare workers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Essential workers in critical industries not covered under 1B, including information technology, energy, food service, and federal/state/county/local government.	<p>Any individual over the age of 16 <i>Note that at this time, only the Pfizer vaccine is approved for those age 16 and 17.</i></p>

CDC defines frontline and essential workers as those “who perform duties across critical...sectors and...likely at highest risk for work-related exposure to SARS-CoV-2...because their work-related duties must be performed on-site and involve being in close proximity (<6 feet) to the public or to coworkers”.

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Vaccine/Pages/Plan.aspx>

Vaccinating Non-UPMC Health Care Workers in PA

- UPMC is offering vaccinations to frontline health care personnel who are not affiliated with a hospital or health system
- To request vaccination for your organization, practice or group, please review all information and instructions and complete the on-line form found at:
[UPMC.com/HealthCareVaccine](https://www.upmc.com/HealthCareVaccine)
- This request process is ONLY for health care workers in phase 1A who are not affiliated with a hospital or health system and cannot process other requests

DHS Guidance to Providers

Employee Covid-19 Vaccination Guidance

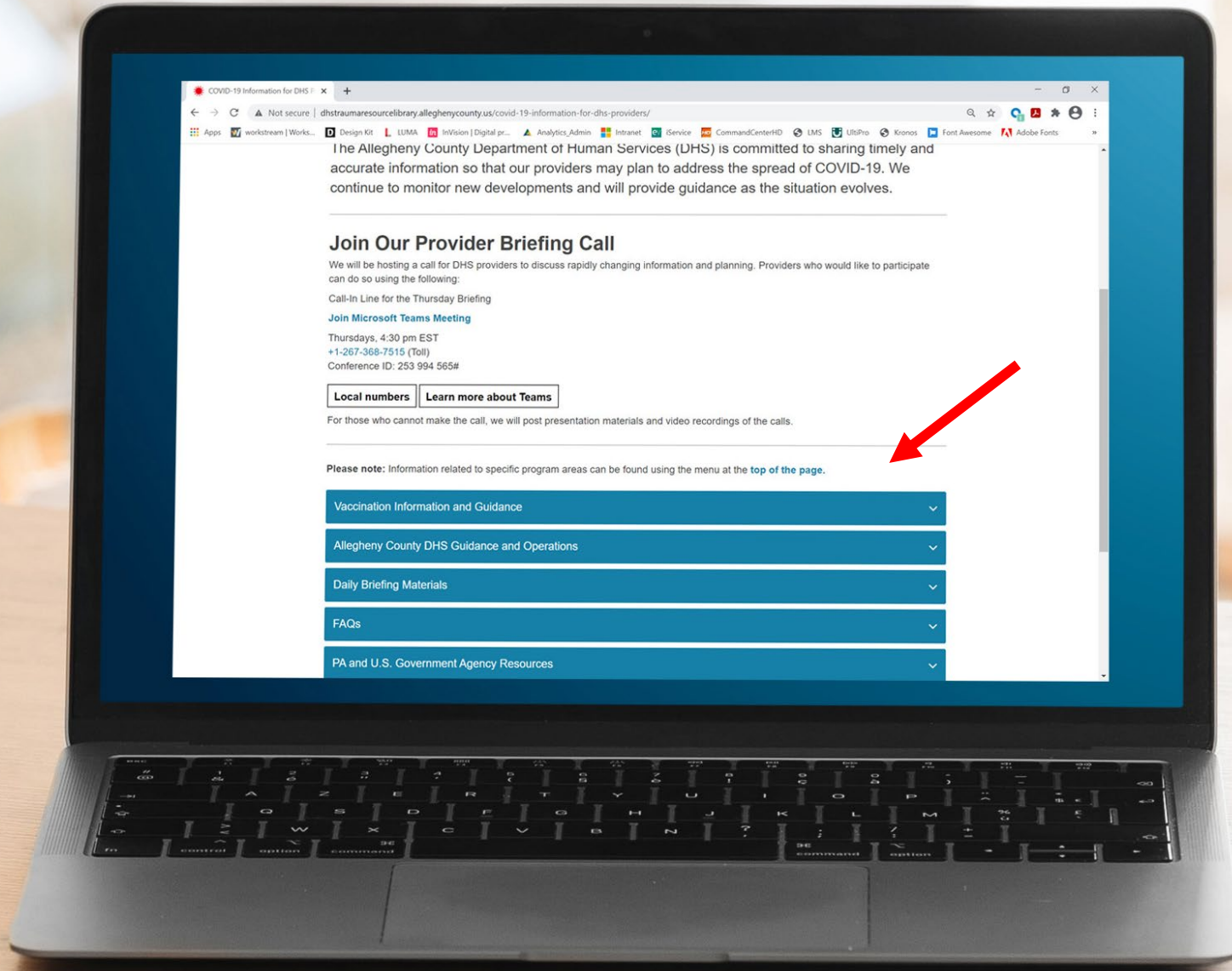
Where to Find DHS Vaccination Information and Guidance

URL: -

<https://dhstraumaresourcelibrary.allegHENYcounty.us/covid-19-information-for-dhs-providers/>

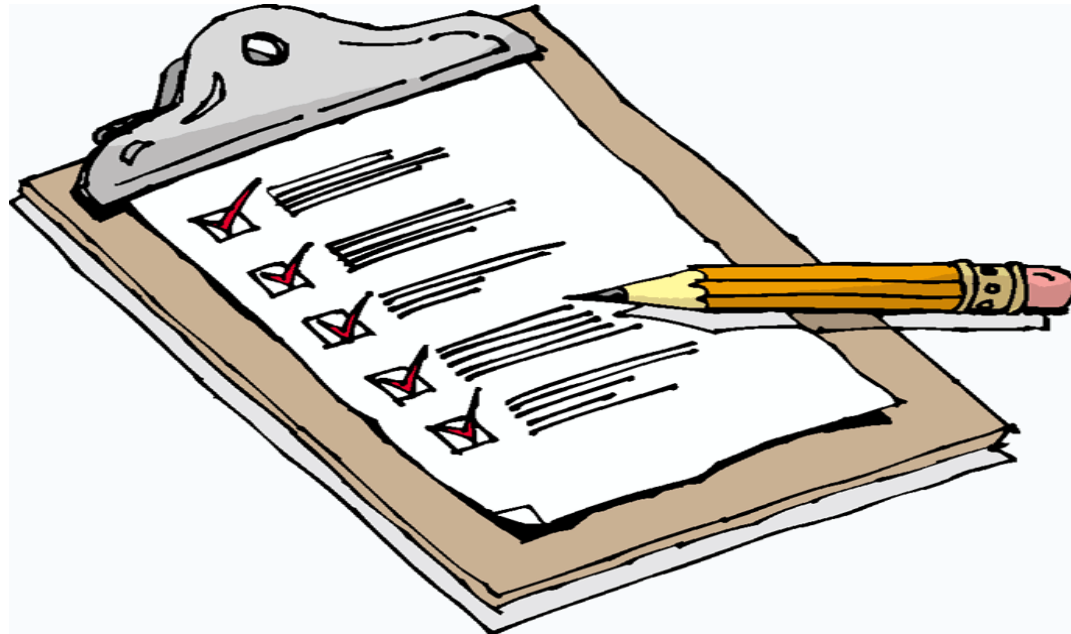
Email:

Providers can email their questions about vaccine guidance, as well as share their best practices with encouraging staff to get vaccinated to: DHS-ProviderVaccination@allegHENYcounty.us



DHS Guidance to Providers on Employee Vaccination

- DHS encourages providers to make a plan **for communicating to employees the critical importance of getting vaccinated.**



Providers' communications to employees re: vaccines

We suggest that providers' Covid-19 vaccine communication efforts to employees incorporate several considerations:

- 1) Frontline essential service workers' **early priority** to get vaccinated per the state and CDC guidance
- 2) A protocol that employees can follow to request an excuse from missed worktime that might be reasonably needed to get vaccinated;
- 3) The **benefits of getting vaccinated**, per [relevant CDC guidance](#)

Providers' communications to employees re: vaccines

- 4) [Resources](#) for learning about the safety of Covid-19 vaccines;
- 5) Contact information to Allegheny County Health Department's resource for providing up-to-date information about vaccination in Allegheny County (<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/COVID-19/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information.aspx>).
- 6) Messaging about the importance of wearing masks and social distancing even after employees get vaccinated.



Sharing Best Practices

As these efforts unfold and as more vaccine supply becomes available, if you are having particular success in having your teams get vaccinated, we want to hear from you and learn from you!

DHS-ProviderVaccination@alleghenycounty.us

DHS Guidance to Providers on Employee Vaccination – mandatory policies

- DHS is not requiring providers to implement a mandatory employee vaccination policy.
- But recent EEOC guidance does address this
- Our [DHS provider vaccination guidance](#) summarizes EEOC's position regarding mandatory employee vaccination policies.

Employers' mandatory vaccination policies **are** allowable – with caveats

- In Dec 2019, EEOC published guidance stating that employers have the auth to mandate vaccination among employees
 - This authority aligns with the portion of the ADA that allows an employer to require that an individual shall not pose a direct threat to the health or safety of individuals in the workplace.
 - In re to Covid-19, the EEOC said that public health authorities' finding of significant community spread supports the idea that unvaccinated employees do pose a direct threat to workplace safety.
- Employers have the authority to **request documentation of vaccination** - to track vaccination prevalence in their workplace (but may not ask for any medical information)

Mandatory policies – required exemptions

- Employers must allow exemptions to employees who cannot get vaccinated due to a disability, a contraindication, or a sincerely held religious belief
- Generally, employers may not terminate employees that cannot get vaccinated
 - Must find a reasonable accommodation that mitigates the health risk of the unvaccinated employee

DHS Vaccine Guidance – Summary of Topline

- In our view, providers in the greater DHS network can play a pivotal role in supporting high vaccination rates among our frontline essential workforce
- Providers are strongly encouraged to develop a communications plan and to affirmatively message to employees the importance of getting vaccinated
- We're in the early days of this effort
 - We expect to provide additional vaccination resources and information as we go
 - We are interested in creating virtual meeting spaces for provider staff to engage and interact in person with experts who can talk about Covid-19 vaccines and the benefits of them

FOOD RESOURCES

Saturday,
January 23

Wilkinsburg

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
East End Behavioral Health Hospital
225 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15221

MAKE A RESERVATION

Monday,
January 25

Duquesne

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
1 N Linden Street, Duquesne, PA 15110

MAKE A RESERVATION

Monday,
February 1

Duquesne

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
1 N Linden Street, Duquesne, PA 15110

MAKE A RESERVATION

Tuesday,
February 9

**Allegheny
Valley**

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh Mills Galleria
590 Pittsburgh Mills Blvd., Tarentum, PA 15084

MAKE A RESERVATION

Thursday,
February 11

Glassport

1 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Queen of the Rosary Church
530 Michigan Ave, Glassport, PA 15045

MAKE A RESERVATION

Make Reservations Here!

[Drive-Up Food Distributions - Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank \(pittsburghfoodbank.org\)](#)

The Food Bank's network of food pantries is ready and able to serve you!
Connecting with a pantry in your area means consistent access to food.



Allegheny County Community Learning Hubs

- Community Learning Hubs are still open around the county!
- Hubs provide safe spaces for children to do schoolwork and engage in enrichment activities
- Find a learning hub that meets your needs:
 - <https://tryingtogether.org/community-learning-hubs/>
 - Call before showing up to confirm hub is open and has availability
 - Contact Jace Ransom at jace.ransom@alleghenycounty.us if you'd like help connecting with a hub

HEALTH OF THE HOMELESSNESS SYSTEM

- Providers are still operating, sheltering, taking in new clients.
- Harder to find landlords and units available to our folks, we do have have access to Section 8 and Self-Pay SRO units downtown. If interested, contact Housing Navigator Unit at housingnavigators@allegheycounty.us.
- Hearing that briefings are happening, not seeing new Section 8 vouchers or habitability inspections yet.
- Adult shelter beds available at some year-round shelters (EECM & Bethlehem Haven). CALL AHEAD BEFORE SENDING ANYONE.
- Beds filling up most nights at Smithfield and McKeesport winter shelters. People can still come, overflow sent to Safe Haven.
- Shepherd's Heart winter shelter (females) usually has open beds.
- Youth shelter beds available at DOCS.
- Several family shelter units available for families of all sizes.
- 2 Warming Centers open during hours winter shelters are closed. Open centers are at Red Door downtown and McKeesport Downtown Housing. The 3rd warming center, located at Catholic Charities on 9th & Liberty, will be open again beginning Saturday.
- Isolation and Quarantine facilities
 - (Safe Haven & Family) receiving referrals, taking in record numbers of people including increased percentage of positive/exposed.
 - Family I&Q space available.

MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE FOR CITY OF PITTSBURGH RESIDENTS

Mortgage assistance can be up to a total of \$6,000 (mortgage payments and utility assistance).


Homeowners can have income up to 80% AMI.

For more information:

- Text your ZIP Code to United Way at 898211.
- Dial 211 from your phone.

Go to United Way’s webpage: <http://pa211sw.org/>. Click on “contact us.” From there, you can fill out the form to gain access to a Representative for services. There is also chat window that in the bottom right corner of the screen of the website: <http://pa211sw.org/>.

Housing Stabilization Program



If you live in the City of Pittsburgh and are in need of rental, utility, or mortgage assistance, contact United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania 2-1-1 for more information on the Housing Stabilization Program.

The Housing Stabilization Program (HSP) is a housing crisis intervention program that provides one-time or short term financial assistance to households who are facing a temporary, non-recurring housing crisis.

One-time funding support includes:

- 1) Move-in assistance which may include:
 - First month’s rent
 - Last month’s rent
 - Security deposit
 - Utility deposits
- 2) Utilities in arrears
- 3) Rent in arrears
- 4) Mortgage payment (must not have an Act 91 notice)
- 5) Legal fees

Short-term funding support includes:

- 1) Rent subsidy, not to exceed three (3) months
- 2) Mortgage assistance, not to exceed six (6) months
- 3) Legal services throughout the eviction process
- 4) Legal fees related to court


Eligibility Requirements:


- Must be a renter or homeowner
- Must live in the City of Pittsburgh
- Renters must be at or below 50% AMI*
- Homeowners must be at or below 80% AMI*
- Must develop a stability plan with a service provider


*Please refer to chart for income limits

To see if you are eligible for the program, please contact United Way 211. Contact information is on the back of the flyer.

Household Size	Maximum Income for RENTERS	Maximum Income for HOMEOWNERS
1	\$29,050	\$46,500
2	\$33,200	\$53,150
3	\$37,350	\$59,800
4	\$41,500	\$66,400
5	\$44,850	\$71,750
6	\$48,150	\$77,050







VACCINE PREPARATION

Working with FQHCs (special thanks to East Liberty Healthcare & Healthcare for the Homeless) to schedule **virtual education and 'ask a physician'** time with clients and staff of housing/homelessness programs.

- Communication and sign-up coming shortly. Questions? Ideas? Reach out to Peter Harvey at Peter.Harvey@allegHENYcounty.us

Black Pittsburgh Matters: Physicians Panel addresses COVID

- <https://fb.watch/39B8r2VkFv/>

CDC Vaccination FAQ for people experiencing homelessness: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/vaccine-faqs.html>

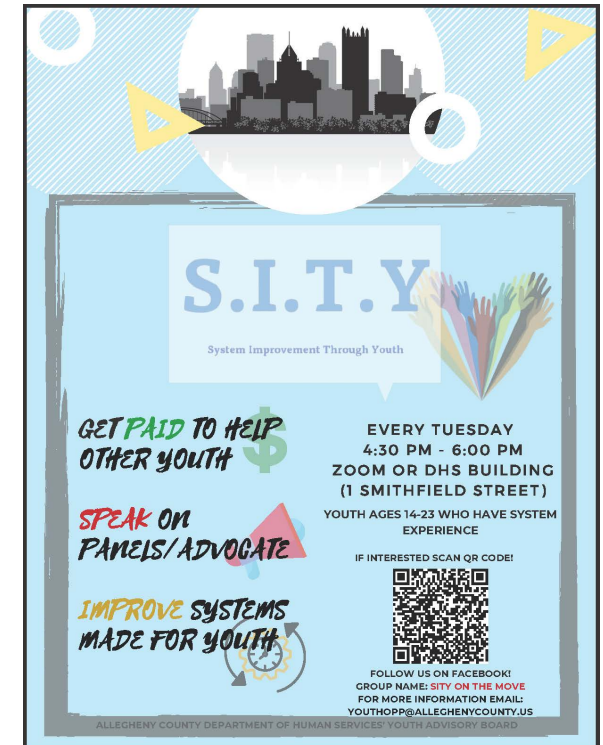
SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT THROUGH YOUTH/YOUTH ACTION BOARD

SITY equips & develops young leaders, providing opportunities to Learn, Lead, and Advocate for all youth. SITY consults on policy and practice improvements related to youth and young adults across the Department of Human Services.

- Must be 14 and not older than 23 years old. (Age out at 24)
- Must have some personal system experience. (homelessness, CYF, OBH, etc.)
- Able to commit to Zoom meetings on Tuesdays from 4:30p – 6pm.
- All members are paid \$10/hr. for their time.

How to join?

- Fill out the SITY application and Code of Conduct, found on the [SITY webpage](#)
- Email application or questions to YouthOpp@allegHENYcounty.us
- Come join one of our meetings to check it out!
- Meet and Greet with the Board



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

\$2,500

SUPPORT FOR COLLEGE OR CAREER TRAINING HOPE THROUGH LEARNING AWARD


HAVE YOU EVER...

- been "couch-surfing" or had to stay with family or friends?
- lived in motels, campgrounds, shelters, or other temporary places?
- wondered what to list as your address?
- experienced homelessness?

TELL US YOUR STORY.

to apply, visit
WWW.HOMELESSFUND.ORG/HOPE
must be age 24 or younger

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2021

 HOMELESS CHILDREN'S EDUCATION FUND

The Hope Through Learning Award is a **\$2,500** award available to youth age 24 and under residing in Allegheny County who are experiencing or have experienced homelessness during their school attendance years, and who are going on to a higher education or career training program for the first time.

Recipients can use their award for tuition, school-related expenses such as books or a computer, or living expenses, such as transportation, child care, or housing.

EMPLOYMENT HELP



**NEED A JOB?
UNDER-EMPLOYED?
WE CAN HELP.**

Through the **Career Services Expansion Project**, PA CareerLink® and seven local partners are helping eligible clients find employment.

What does this project offer?

- Individualized career coaching
- Job search assistance
- Resume and interview preparation
- Supportive services, including but not limited to:
 - Transportation assistance
 - Equipment and/or tools
 - Clothing & uniforms
- Educational services, including but not limited to:
 - Financial literacy courses
 - Post-secondary classes
 - Adult literacy courses



Subsidized childcare may be available during training and/or employment. To see if you qualify, contact the Early Learning Resource Center: 412-350-3577



Am I Eligible?

To participate in the **Career Services Expansion Project (CSE)**, clients must be:



- At least 18 years old;
- Eligible to work in the U.S.;
- A resident of the City of Pittsburgh or Allegheny County;
- Unemployed or Underemployed; and
- Meet income eligibility (see last page).

If you are not eligible to participate, PA CareerLink® can still help. There are other programs available to help meet your employment and training needs.

Contact us to sign up.

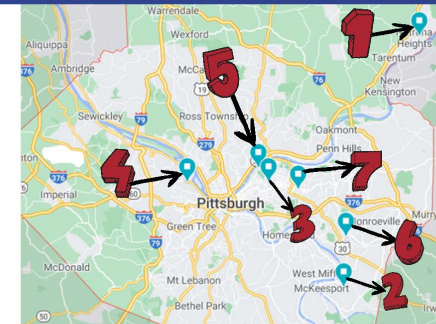
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412-552-7031

Samantha Gillcrese
Samantha.gillcrese@careerlinkpittsburgh.org
412-436-2249

Or, complete the referral form and PA CareerLink® will contact you:
<https://bit.ly/35m8yd1>

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request. Requesting accommodations in advance helps to ensure that reasonable accommodations are available at the time service is provided. Phone 866-317-5627; TTY 877-889-5621; www.careerlinkpittsburgh.com, click on "Reasonable Accommodations."

Participating partners in the Career Services Expansion Project:



1
Allegheny Valley Association of Churches
1913 Freepoint Road
Natrona Heights, PA 15065
724-226-0606

2
Auberle Employment Institute
1101 Hartman Street
McKeesport, PA 15132
412-673-5800

3
Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation
113 N. Pacific Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15224
412-362-8580

4
Focus on Renewal
500 Chartiers Avenue
McKees Rocks, PA 15136
412-331-1685 ext 231

5
Goodwill of Southwestern PA
118 52nd Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15201
1-877-499-3526

6
Human Services Center Corporation
519 Penn Avenue
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

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7
YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh, Homewood
7140 Bennett Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15208
412-436-0985

UPCOMING CALLS

Homelessness Provider Community Call

Every other Tuesday, 9:30AM-10:30AM

Includes updates, Q&A time with the Health Department

- February 2: HUD Field Office Director, Phillip McKeough
- February 16: Crisis Response, Jenn Batterton

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[+1 267-368-7515](#)

Conference ID: 883 836 652#

Ask a Housing Navigator Online Office Hours

Every Tuesday, 10:30am-11am

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

[+1 267-368-7515](#) United States, Philadelphia (Toll)

Conference ID: 947 434 365#

Key Contacts

- Provider questions for Allegheny County Health Department
 - DHS-COVID19Planning@alleghenycounty.us
 - Use the subject field to indicate if your qq is about CYF, Aging, BH, CYF, ID, Community Services, or DHS operations (e.g., contracting, payment)
 - <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/healthdepartment/index.aspx>
- Key DHS staff
 - Payment inquiries: Dan Evancho Dan.Evancho@alleghenycounty.us
 - Contract inquiries: Kathy Heinz Kathy.Heinz@alleghenycounty.us
Laura Brigido Laura.Brigido@alleghenycounty.us
- United Way 2-1-1
 - For basic needs assistance or general COVID-19 inquiries call the 24/7 COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-856-2774. Language services are available.

