

Current Vaccination Schedules Now In Place

This is the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. They are currently in Phase 1A for COVID-19 vaccinations. This is a full summary of the updated Phases 1A, 1B, 1C (new) and 2.

- **Phase 1A** remains centered around healthcare workers as defined by ACIP as paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials. These include, but are not limited to emergency medical service personnel, nurses, nursing assistants, physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, technicians, chiropractors, therapists, phlebotomists, pharmacists, health professions students and trainees, direct support professionals, clinical personnel in school settings or correctional facilities, contractual HCP not directly employed by the health care facility, and other persons when working in health care settings, such as regulatory staff who perform on-site assessments in hospitals and 1A long-term care facilities, long-term care ombudsmen, patients.

- **Phase 1B** now includes all adults aged 75 and older, residents of non-1A congregate care facilities, and additional front-line essential workers, defined by CDC as "essential workers who perform duties across critical infrastructure sectors and maintain the services and functions that U.S. residents depend on daily and likely at highest risk for work-related exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19,

because their work-related duties must be performed on-site and involve being in close proximity (<6 feet) to the public or to coworkers".

- **Phase 1C** has been created to include adults aged 65-74, adults 18-64 with a serious underlying condition that puts them at increased risk if they contract COVID-19, and essential workers in critical industries not covered under 1B. an intention to publish additional information on essential workers. DOH will review and incorporate as necessary into future versions of the plan.

FULL SCHEDULE

Slate Belt Winter Sports Begin Monday

Winter Sports games for Bangor and Pen Argyl Schools will begin a month or so later than originally planned and start Monday January 11 and continue into mid February.

The schedule includes roughly half of the games originally planned. The game schedule is also subject to change without notice. The current plans include a system to stream all games by the home team.

The Town Topics has provided a schedule of this week's games on page 14. We have also provided links that you can use to watch your favorite teams play.

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East Bangor Take-Out

The East Bangor Fire Co. takeout dinner available Thursday January 14 is G & P's pasties, Beef, with or w/o onions. Sausage with or w/o onions. Broccoli and Cheese with or w/o onions. Cost is \$6. Pre- order only, all orders due by January 11.



Pick up at the firehouse January 14th from 4pm-6pm
Text or call ahead 484-903-4556 starting December 28. Pick up at hall door. Outside seating available. Cash bar. Consumption with food purchase.

NWS Forecast - January 10

Today

Sunny, with a high near 39. North wind around 5 mph.

Tonight

Increasing clouds, with a low around 22. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Monday

Mostly cloudy, with a high near 40. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph.

Monday Night

Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. Calm wind.

Tuesday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 40. Calm wind becoming west around 5 mph.

Tuesday Night

Mostly clear, with a low around 25.

Wednesday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 41.

Wednesday Night

Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Thursday

Partly sunny, with a high near 43.

Thursday Night

Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Friday

Mostly cloudy, with a high near 41.

Friday Night

Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Saturday

Partly sunny, with a high near 38.



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Women's Wellness Group

Women's Wellness Group starting is held Thursday Nights from 6:30 to 7:30 at A Clean Slate Recovery Center in Bangor. Join, this free and confidential group and learn the pathways of wellness with other women in a safe, fun, and healthy environment. Guest speakers and other professionals will be participating at various meetings.



Struggling With Substances?

People struggling with substances can now walk in for drug and alcohol assessments at the Clean Slate Bangor, 100 South First Street St, Bangor 610-452-9348 Mondays from 10am - 12pm Many times this is the first step toward treatment and a new life.

East Bangor UMC

136 W. Central Ave., East Bangor,

Saturday January 16

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday January 17

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (on ZOOM)

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East Bangor United Methodist Community Church
136 W. Central Ave., East Bangor, PA 18013

Sat., Jan. 9 - 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sun., Jan. 10 - 10am Worship Service (on ZOOM)

Pharmacy Needs Help

Mt Bethel pharmacy is looking for anyone with an injectable license in administering the first phase of the COVID 19 vaccine. They also need a Cashier/delivery driver/tech. If interested please call 570-583-2027

Rapid Nasal Antigen Test Available in Wind Gap

Wind Gap Community Pharmacy announced that it has RAPID nasal antigen swab COVID testing available for \$75. No appointmentS are needed. Results available in 10 minutes.

Open Hours: Monday through Friday 8-6 Saturday 8-1. They are located at 31 West 1st Street Wind Gap Pa 18091 610-881-4260

All Aspects Restored & Recycled

All Aspects Restored & Recycled is OPEN Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 10-5 and Sunday 11-4;

In addition, they are open Monday- Wednesday or evenings, by appointment.

They are located at 1086 S Delaware Drive in Upper Mount Bethel, PA 18343, on Route 611 across from Twin Gap Farms in Stone Village. Gift Certificates and shipping are also available

Call 610-509-5881 to schedule or private message them.

Bangor Library Story Time

Story time material for Tuesday, January 5, 2021 is ready for pick up at the circulation desk.

Topic: Story Time- Bears

Jan 5, 10:00 AM Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/9475606272...>

Meeting ID: 947 560 6272 Passcode: KrH8xT

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High-Risk Activities for Getting COVID 19

Here are examples of activities and situations that can increase your risk of exposure to COVID-19:

- Going to a large social gathering like a wedding, funeral, or party.
- Attending a mass gathering like a sporting event, concert, or parade.
- Being in crowds — for example, in restaurants, bars, airports, bus and train stations, or movie theaters.
- Traveling on a cruise ship or river boat

St. John's Cemetery

Donations for St. John's Cemetery in Bangor are being accepted for maintenance. You can mail them to St. John's Cemetery c/o Carol Hummel, 136 Messinger Street, Bangor, Pa 18013.

PUMP Needs Your Help

With an increase of 30%-40% of people coming because of COVID-19, PUMP is currently serving 150 - 175 families who receive food weekly from the pantry. All the food is distributed by approximately 30 to 40 volunteers.

Food supply also has risen 25%-30% and continues to come from donations, Second Harvest, Trader Joe's, Northampton County and Salvation Army.

They are asking at this time for the communities cooperation in helping secure the funds to purchase a parcel of land and construction of a new building.

Donations can be sent directly to Portland Upper Mt. Bethel Food Pantry Inc. P.O. Box 69 Portland Pa. 18351 or visit the PUMP at 111 State St. Portland Pa.. Mondays from 9:30 AM to 12 PM.

Struggling With Substances?

People struggling with substances can now walk in for drug and alcohol assessments at the Clean Slate Bangor, 100 South First Street St, Bangor 610-452-9348 Mondays from 10am - 12pm Many times this is the first step toward treatment and a new life.

2021 PA Fishing Licenses

2021 PA fishing licenses are now on sale from the PA Fish and Boat Commission. Licenses, permits and gift vouchers can be purchased online or by visiting retail license issuing agents. Valid immediately for up to 13 months through Dec. 31, 2021. Multi-year options are also available in increments of 3, 5, and 10 years.

<https://www.fishandboat.com/Pages/default.aspx>

**Slate Belt Dining
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Library's Foreign Language Vocabulary Builder

The Bangor Public Library announces that it has added LingoLITE to its online reference offerings which helps users learn basic words and phrases in 30 languages using interactive native speaker videos.

"Foreign language training and references are very popular at the library, but in the past, we've never been able to offer one source for learning so many languages using such an interactive video format, so we're very excited to offer this database to our patrons," says Kathleen Lynch, Director at Bangor Public Library.

LingoLITE is a vocabulary builder and contains thousands of native speaker video clips in 30 languages including Spanish, French, Italian, German, Chinese, Japanese, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, German, Swahili, Thai, and 18 others.

Anyone can access LingoLITE using the library's computers, or from anywhere in the world from the library's portal at www.bangorlibrary.org with their library card.

LingoLITE was designed anyone who wants to learn basic terms and phrases in a new language. The resource has glossaries for greetings, introductions, food, transportation, relations, numbers, and more.

This is an example of the Library's mission to increase its coverage of topics that are of interest to its diverse population of patrons young and old.

Snowshoes and Hiking Poles Available

Monday thru Friday, 8:00 AM-2:30 PM at

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Borrow snowshoe equipment to use on Jacobsburg's trails this winter! Snowshoes are available for folks of any age or shoe size, including small children.

Snowshoes will not be made available during times of insufficient snow cover, at least six inches of snow is required.

To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. More information call 610-746-2801 or email.jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Check their website for current winter conditions and snow depth: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/WinterReport/Pages/default.aspx>

State Food Assistance

Pennsylvania State officials have encouraged all Pennsylvania residents to take full advantage of all food assistance programs, if needed, over the holiday season.

"Pennsylvania's food assistance programs were built for times like these and no one should be too shy to take advantage of what they have to offer," said Russell Redding, secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

But those assets haven't stopped the covid-19 pandemic from destabilizing personal finances and causing heightened food insecurity for millions of residents. Compared to 2018, when roughly 11% of adults in Pennsylvania were food insecure, Redding said 15.5% experience the issue this year.

The difference is even starker when it comes to children in the state. In 2018, 15% children experienced food insecurity. That number has climbed to 24% in 2020.

Local food pantries saw greater demand especially early in the pandemic and through the summer, with miles-long lines at each weekly distribution and millions of pounds of food provided.

"Food insecurity was a problem for millions of Americans before March 2020," said Teresa Miller, secretary of the Department of Human Services.

CDC Expands the Definition of 'Close Contact'

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released new guidelines on Wednesday regarding what counts as "close contact" with someone who has COVID-19.

The expanded definition includes brief but repeated exposure to others with the virus that adds up to 15 minutes over a 24-hour period. Previously, the CDC defined close contact as spending 15 consecutive minutes or more within six feet of someone with COVID-19.

This makes mask-wearing even more important for preventing transmission



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Slate Belt Diner

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Three Brothers Pizza

Three Brothers Pizza is now open in the former Plainfield Diner on Sullivan Trail. Dine In 7am- 10pm Call 610-863-4950 to order.

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Mt. Bethel Diner

Mt. Bethel Diner open for Dine-In and Take-Out Mon - Sun 8am - 7pm. Call ahead to order 570-897-6409, 2600 N. Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel, Pa 18343.

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Family & Friends Takeout

Family and friends country restaurant is open for take out at are window or curbside pick up. Full menu available. Call for daily specials 610-759-7477. They are located on route 512 in wind gap next to Albanese garden center. More info: [Click Here](#)

Gap Diner

The Gap Diner in Wind Gap is open for dining-in Sun.-Wed 6am-Midnight and 24 hrs Thurs, Fri, & Sat. More info: [Click Here](#)

TK's Restaurant

TK's will open June 5 in their outdoor seating and To Go services. 7am - 11pm 7 Days A Week. 570-897-6112. There will be a 75-minute limit for each table service if instructed by staff. NO MORE than 10 people per table unless you are a family from the SAME household. To See menu: [Click Here](#)

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Fuher's Tavern & Grill

Fuhrer's Tavern & Grill at 104 Main St., Portland has opened (previously O'Neill's Place) Non-smoking. Families welcome. Masks required. No bar seating Table seating at 25% capacity. Reservations not required but suggested. Outside seating available. Open 10 am - 9 pm. Kitchen open 11-9, last seating at 8 .last call for food and drinks at 8:30. (570) 897-5590.

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Where to Eat

Sal's Pizza

Sal's Pizza 487 E. Moorestown Road, Wind Gap. 610-863-7665. Open daily 11am -9pm. Closed Tuesday More Info: [Click Here](#)

Doughboys

Original Doughboys Pizza and Restaurant, 230 W. Moorestown Rd, Wind Gap. Open 11-9 daily. 610-759-3776. More Info: [Click Here](#)

Pen Argyl Pizza

Pen Argyl Pizza 510 E. Main St, Pen Argyl. 610-663-6670. M-Sat (11-10) Sun (10-10) More Info: [Click Here](#)

512 Restaurant

512 Restaurant 2 East Pennsylvania Ave, Pen Argyl. Tues-Sunday, Curbside and delivery. 610-881-4540. More Info: [Click Here](#)

Detzi's Tavern

Detzi's Tavern 570 North Lehigh Ave., Wind Gap. 863-9882. Open 4 -7:30. and Noon-7:30 Wed., Thurs, Fri & Sat. More Info: [Click Here](#)

Slate Pub

Slate Pub 509 E. Main St., Pen Argyl. 610-881-4700. Opens 12. No reservations will be taken at this time. All social distancing and government mandates will be followed.

- Masks must be except at the table.
- No more than 4 people per table.
- Tables must remain 6' apart

More Info: [Click Here](#)

Broadway Pub

Broadway Pub 62 Broadway, Bangor. 610-452-9226. COVID Hrs. Tues-Sun (2-8). More Info: [Click Here](#)

Boar Barbecue

Boar Barbecue 690 Allegheny Road, Mt. Bethel. 484-908-3407. **CLOSED FOR SEASON.** More Info: [Click Here](#)

JT Grill

JT Grill at Miller's Egg Ranch on Route 512, East Bangor is serving breakfast and lunch from 10am-3pm Tuesdays through Saturdays! More info: [Click Here](#)

Five Points Grill & Pub

Five Points Grill & Pub 1001 Mt. Bethel Highway, Mt. Bethel. 610-588-1773. Reservations are highly encouraged! It helps make your dining experience run as smoothly as possible. Please call us at (610)588-1773. More Info: [Click Here](#)

M & M Vineyards Open

M & M Vineyards 18 Shepherds Hill Dr. Bangor is open for **CURBSIDE** pick-up, carry-out, and wine tasting.

Hours: Friday: 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Saturday: 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Sunday: 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Look for them on Facebook or see their website at. <http://mmvineyards.com/>

Dinky's Hours in Bangor

Dinky's Ice Cream Parlor on the corner of Rte 191 and Broadway in Bangor is open Thursday & Friday 3-8 Saturday & Sunday 12-8. Even with the COVID 19 restrictions you can still support your local businesses. More info [Click Here](#)

Daily Weather Updates
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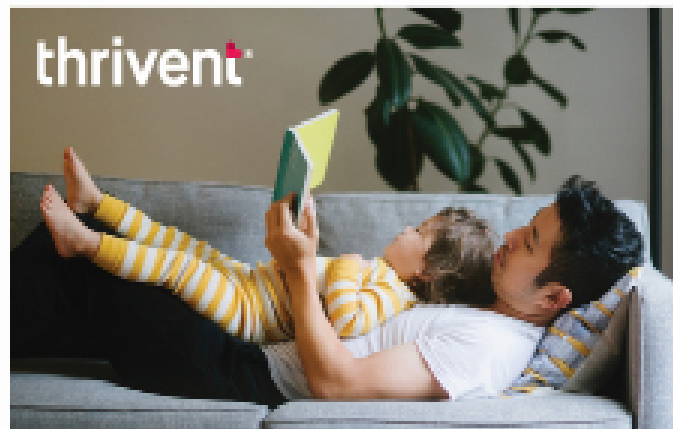


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Bangor Library New Books**January 1 - January 7****Adult Fiction**

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Jennifer Armentrout

Big Girl, Small Town: A Novel by Michelle Gallen

Under a Glided Moon: A Novel by Joy Jordan-Lake

Fool Me Twice: A Novel by Jeffry Lindsay

The Arctic Fury: A Novel by Greer Macallister

Boone The McBrides of Texas by Emily March

A Promise of Ankles by Alexander McCall Smith

NYPD Red 6 by James Patterson

Dachshund Through the Snow by David Rosenfelt

Hush-Hush by Stuart Woods

Adult Non-Fiction

I Used to Have a Plan by Alessandra Olanow

The Greatest Secret by Rhonda Byrne

Your Guide to the Jewish Holidays: From Shofar to Seder by
Matt Axelrod

Modern Warriors: Real Stories from Real Heroes by Pete
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Too Late to Say Goodbye: A True Story of Murder and
Betrayal by Ann Rule

The Ultimate Scholarship Book 2021: Billions of Dollars in
Scholarships, Grants, and Prizes by Gen Tanabe

The Official Downton Abbey [Christmas](#) Cookbook by Regula
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The Official Downton Abbey Afternoon Tea Cookbook
Milk and Honey by Rupri Kaur

Sapiens: A Graphic History: The Birth of Humankind (Vol. 1)
by Yuval Noah Harari

Unsinkable: Five Men and the Indomitable Run of the USS
Plunkett by James Sullivan

Audio Books

The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown

Nine Dragons by Michael Connelly

The Drop by Michael Connelly

The Gate House by Nelson DeMille

Hardcore Twenty-Four: A Stephanie Plum Novel by Janet
Evanovich

Vanished by Joseph Finder

Acts of Treason by Vince Flynn

Kill the Messenger by Tami Hoag

Hades Factor: A Covert One Novel by Robert Ludlum

Robert Ludlum's the Arctic Event by James Cobb

Blue Mt. Community Library**New Books January 2021****Adult Fiction**

Troubled Blood, Robert Galbraith

The Book of Two Ways, Jodi Picoult

The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop, Fannie Flag

South of the Buttonwood tree, Heather Webber

Confessions on the 7:45, Lisa Unger

Girls of Brackenhill, Kate Moretti

Eli's Promise, Ronald Balson

The Southern Side of Paradise, Kristy Harvey
Woodson

Adult Non-Fiction

The Guns at Last Light, Rick Atkinson

Route 529, Patricia Roberts

Valiant Ambition, Nathaniel Philbrick

Adult Reference

100th Anniversary - History of Weona Park, Walter
Cole

Bangor Library News

DVDs are now only \$2.00 at the library. All proceeds
go toward the library.

Craft materials are ready for pick up at the circulation
desk for Tuesday, January 12th story time.

Story Time- Frogs Jan 12, 2021 01:00 AM Eastern
Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting [https://
zoom.us/j/9475606272...](https://zoom.us/j/9475606272...) Meeting ID: 947 560
6272 Passcode: KrH8xT

Lego Challenge Returns

The Lego Challenge! This month's theme is going
to be Castles! The Lego Challenge is for all kids aged
12 and under! Build us your best castle and then take
a picture of it! Send us a picture to use through the
library's email.

All pictures must be in by January 16, 2021!
Pictures will be posted on January 18, 2021 and the
castle that gets the most votes wins a special prize!!
Please include kids name and age. No names will be
posted on the Facebook page.

email info@bangorlibrary.org

County Assistance

In light of Pennsylvania's eviction moratorium expiring on August 31st, Lamont McClure reminds residents that Northampton County has approximately \$3.6 million available for rental assistance, rapid rehousing and utility payments. The Department of Human Services and the Department of Community and Economic Development worked together to develop the Community Mediation and Eviction Diversion Program (CMED). CMED offers experienced mediators, emergency financial assistance and rapid rehousing to prevent homelessness. Contact: Third Street Alliance at 610-438-1763 or email Ziana Keith at zkeith@thirdstreetalliance.org

Hotline for Human Services

Northampton County has a 24-hour Emergency hotline for all Human Services-related emergencies. Anyone struggling with a mental health crisis, abuse, neglect, suicidal thoughts, evictions, substance abuse, food insecurity, etc. can call 610-252-9060 for help and referrals.

Confidential Grief Group

A Clean Slate is partnering with [Kainoa's Ohana](#) to start their 6-week confidential grief group for parents/caretakers who have lost their child to a stigmatized death (addiction/suicide).

This has been a very powerful group that has filled a need in our area. This group caps at a small number so please pass this on to anyone who may benefit. They are looking at starting Saturday mornings in mid-October. For more information or to sign up contact jana@recoveryrevolution.org 610-599-7700.

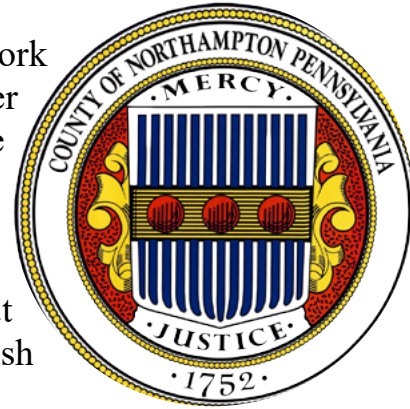
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Northampton County Needs Cafeteria Service Provider

Northampton County seeks proposals to furnish all services, labor and materials necessary to provide the County Government Center with Cafeteria Services (RFP #305-2102).

"Our good folks who work at the Government Center and the jurors who come to serve here need quality food at a reasonable price," says Lamont McClure. "That's what we are trying to accomplish here."



Times of operation would be from 7:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Specification documents can be downloaded at www.publicpurchase.com or by contacting the Procurement Office at gpurchasing@northamptoncounty.org or by calling 610-829-6177.

Proposals are due January 28, 2021, no later than 2:00 P.M. prevailing time



Area Road Work

Filetown Road Between: Sullivan Trail and Jacobsburg Road. Lane restriction with flagging 01:00 PM To 05:00 PM. Start date: 1/11/21. Est completion date: 1/15/21

Plainfield Township Road name:North Franklin Street. Between:Main Street and Franklin Street Lane restriction with flagging 06:00 AM To 11:00 AM. Start date: 1/11/21. Est completion date: 1/11/21

Wind Gap Borough. Road name:Male Road. Between: Old Allentown Road and Male St. Lane restriction with flagging 06:00 AM To 11:00 AM. Start date: 1/12/21. Est completion date: 1/12/21

East Bangor Road name: Park Street. Between:Central Avenue and Park Road. Lane restriction with flagging 06:00 AM To 11:00 AM. Start date:1/13/21. Est completion date: 1/13/21

Upper Mount Bethel. Road name: Million Dollar Highway Bridge over Jacoby Creek. Between: PA 611 and Audubon Drive. Lane restriction with flagging 06:00 AM To 11:00 AM. Start date: 1/14/21 Est completion date: 1/14/21

Interstate 80 East at Exit 284 (PA 115) Eastbound lane restriction for bridge inspection work 9 AM To 3:PM. Start date: 1/13/21 Est completion date: 1/13/21

Interstate 80 East at Exit 310 (Delaware Water Gap) Eastbound lane restriction 09:00 AM To 03:00 PM. Start date: 1/14/21. Est completion date: 1/14/21

PA 33 South Between: Snydersville and Saylorsburg Lane restriction for wash out repair 09:00 AM To 03:00 AM. Start date: 1/11/21. Est completion date: 1/12/21

PA 33 South Between:Saylorsburg Exit and Leighton Exit. Lane restriction for wash our repair 09:00 AM To 03:00 PM. Start date: 1/13/21. Est completion date: 1/13/21

PA 611 Between: Northampton County Line and PA 191. Lane restriction 09:00 AM To 03:00 PM. Start date: 1/11/21. Est completion date: 1/13/21

Interstate 80 West Between: Exit 299 (PA 715) and Exit 302 (PA 33 to US 209) Lane restriction 09:00 AM To 03:00 PM for wash out repair. Expect delays. Start date: 1/11/21. Est completion date: 1/14/2

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Winter Sports Schedule

For Online Streaming, click on the link of the home team under Streaming Links on this page.

(Schedules subject to change without notice)

January 11

Wrestling

Catasauqua at Pen Argyl, 7pm

January 12

Boys Basketball

Southern Lehigh at Bangor, 6:45pm

Pen Argyl at Northwestern, 6:45m

Girls Basketball

Bangor at Southern Lehigh, 6:45

Northwestern at Pen Argyl, 6:45

January 13

Wrestling

Southern Lehigh at Pen Argyl, 7pm

January 14

Boys Basketball

Bangor at Palisades, 6:45pm

Girls Basketball

Palisades at Bangor, 6:45pm

January 15

Wrestling

Notre Dame GP at Bangor, 7pm

Pen Argyl at Salisbury, 7pm

Boys Basketball

Pen Argyl at Moravian Academy, 6:45pm

Girls Basketball

Moravian Academy at Pen Argyl, 6:45pm

January 16

Boys Basketball

Catasauqua at Bangor, 12:45pm

Palmerton at Pen Argyl, 12:45pm

Girls Basketball

Bangor at Catasauqua, 6:45pm

Pen Argyl at Palmerton, 6:45pm

Streaming Links

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[Catasauqua](#)

[Moravian Academy](#)

[Northern Lehigh](#)

[Northwestern](#)

[Notre Dame GP](#)

[Palisades](#)

[Palmerton](#)

[Pen Argyl](#)

[Salisbury](#)

[Saucon Valley](#)

[Southern Lehigh](#)



William Maas, 81, receives his COVID-19 vaccination administered by (LVHN) at Saucon Valley Manor. The retired mailman says, "It's very important to get the vaccine, for me."

Open Council Seat in Pen Argyl

At their meeting on January 5, 2021, Pen Argyl Borough Council received and accepted with regret a letter of resignation from Councilwoman Roberta Cowley.

At the January 26, 2021 Council workshop meeting, Council will be considering candidates to replace Ms. Cowley. Interested persons must be registered to vote, a resident of Pen Argyl for at least one (1) full year and be a resident of the Fourth Ward (Fourth Ward residents vote at Borough Hall). Letters of interest should be sent to: Pen Argyl Borough, 11 North Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA 18072 Attn: Borough Manager or e-mailed to manager@penargylborough.com no later than January 22, 2021 at 12 Noon.

Residents of the Fourth Ward interested in applying for the seat should attend the January 26, 2021 Council Workshop. The meeting is at 7:00 P.M. and will be held via ZOOM, please include your email address in your letter of intent so link can be sent to you. It is Council's intent to appoint a new Councilperson from the Fourth Ward by the March 2, 2021 Council Meeting.

Pen Argyl Athletic & Park Association- One (1) Vacancy. The "Park Board" meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. One (1) vacancy is for a resident who is a member of a community organization promoting the Park. The Board makes recommendations regarding the maintenance of and operation of the facilities located at Weona Park.

Grants Save Money and Reduce Pollution

Harrisburg, PA – Grant funding for energy efficiency and pollution prevention projects for small business owners and farmers is still available from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) through the Small Business Advantage Grant program.



"This grant program was created with small businesses and farmers in mind. There are tremendous monetary savings available to Pennsylvania's small business owners by installing energy-efficient equipment, such as boilers, LED lighting, and Energy Star certified heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems," said DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell. "Pennsylvania farmers can also benefit by using these funds to undertake projects which will divert sediment and nutrient runoff from our waterways."

Pennsylvania farmers and other small business owners with 100 or fewer full-time employees are eligible for the grants. Projects must save the business a minimum of \$500 and 25 percent annually in energy consumption or pollution related expenses. Natural resource protection projects are exempt from the minimums; however, the projects must be able to quantify sediment and nutrient reductions into nearby waterways.

Businesses can apply for 50 percent matching funds for equipment or materials, up to \$7,000, when adopting energy-efficient or pollution prevention equipment or processes. Applications are considered on a first come, first served basis, and will be accepted until fiscal year 2020-21 funds are exhausted, or Monday, April 12, 2021, whichever occurs first.

The complete grant application package is available by visiting the DEP Small Business Ombudsman's Office's site.

To contact the Small Business Ombudsman's Office, call 717-772-5160 or email raepadvantagegrant@pa.gov.

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The Time Has Come For National Mask Mandates

Some people wear eye-catching colorful neck gaiters. They think that they are just more comfortable to wear than a face mask.



More stylish? Perhaps. More comfortable? Maybe. But as effective? Not necessarily.

With more states requiring face coverings indoors to prevent the spread of COVID-19, gaiters and bandannas have become popular accessories, particularly among college students and other young adults.

But tests show those hipper face coverings are not as effective as surgical or cloth face masks. Bandannas, like plastic face shields, allow the virus to escape out the bottom in aerosolized particles that can hang in the air for hours. And gaiters are often made of such thin material that they don't trap as much virus as cloth masks.

Masks are the easiest — and cheapest — way to save U.S. lives. The time has come for a national mask mandate.

It's time to trust science rather than a bunch of political conspiracy theories. If we all work together, we all can go back to work, enjoy going out to eat, kids can go to school, play sports and engage in other activities.

Home Heating Assistance

LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants. It also provides crisis grants to help in the event of an emergency or if a resident is in danger of losing his or her heat due to broken equipment, lack of fuel or termination of utility service.

The income eligibility guidelines for LIHEAP are set at 150% of the federal poverty income level. For example, the income limit for an individual is \$18,735; for a couple, the limit is \$25,365; and for a family of four, it is \$38,625. Residents may apply for LIHEAP online or by contacting the County Assistance Office in their county of residence.

Animals and COVID 19

A small number of pets worldwide, including cats and dogs, have been infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, mostly after close contact with people with COVID-19.

Based on the limited information available to date, the risk of animals spreading COVID-19 to people is considered to be low.

Until we learn more about how this virus affects animals, treat pets as you would other human family members to protect them from a possible infection.

Because there is a risk that people with COVID-19 could spread the virus to animals, CDC recommends that pet owners limit their pet's interaction with people outside their household.

- Keep cats indoors when possible and do not let them roam freely outside.
- Walk dogs on a leash at least 6 feet (2 meters) away from others.
- Avoid public places where a large number of people gather.
- Do not put a mask on pets. Masks could harm your pet.

There is no evidence that the virus can spread to people from the skin, fur, or hair of pets. Do not wipe or bathe your pet with chemical disinfectants, alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, or other products, such as hand sanitizer, counter-cleaning wipes, or other industrial or surface cleaners. Talk to your veterinarian if you have questions about appropriate products for bathing or cleaning your pet.

Book Update

Here is a book update for Expressions Thru Glass. There are a lot of children's books on the porch. Something like 6 or 7 boxes. From Pre school to teens. Plenty of adult books also. Fiction, non fiction, self help, reference, cookbooks, etc.

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Pennsylvania Upgrades COVID 19 Protocols

Traveler Testing

Dr. Levine issued an order requiring anyone who visits from another state to have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering the commonwealth.

If someone cannot get a test or chooses not to, they must quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvanians visiting other states are required to have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to their return to the commonwealth or to quarantine for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania.

This order, which takes effect on Friday, November 20, does not apply to people who commute to and from another state for work or medical treatment.

Strengthened Masking Order

Masks are required to be worn indoors and outdoors if you are away from your home.

When outdoors, a mask must be worn if you are not able to remain physically distant (at least 6 feet away) from someone not in your household the entire time you are outdoors.

When indoors, masks will now be required even if you are physically distant from members not in your household. This means that even if you are able to be 6 feet apart, you will need to wear a mask while inside if with people other than members of your household.

This order applies to every indoor facility, including homes, retail establishments, gyms, doctors' offices, public transportation, and anywhere food is prepared, packaged or served.

Colleges and Universities

The departments of Health and Education issued recommendations for colleges and universities to implement a testing plan for when students return to campus following the holidays. These recommendations include establishing routine protocols for testing.

Colleges and universities should have adequate capacity for isolation and quarantine and should be prepared to enforce violations of established policies such as mask wearing and physical distancing.

Annual Heritage Center Preservation Awards

The Slate Belt Heritage Center is now accepting applications for its Annual Preservation Award, which seeks to acknowledge individuals who have performed exemplary acts to promote and preserve the culture and heritage of the Slate Belt. Candidates may be an individual

or group and may be nominated by themselves or another party.

There are three categories: Initiative Award, Architectural Award and Special Focus Award. Detailed descriptions of these categories, as well as the criteria involved may be found on the Heritage Center's web site, SBHC.org, and Facebook page, Slate-Belt-Heritage-Center-SBHC.

Nominations will be accepted this fall and will be reviewed in January. Awards will be presented in June 2021.

Interested parties may obtain an application at the Heritage Center on Sundays from 12 – 3, at all local municipal offices or by contacting Jason Huggan at 484-754-2480.

Please help us recognize those people who are working to preserve our history.

2021 PA Fishing Licenses

2021 PA fishing licenses are now on sale from the PA Fish and Boat Commission. Licenses, permits and gift vouchers can be purchased online or by visiting retail license issuing agents.

Valid immediately for up to 13 months through Dec. 31, 2021. Multi-year options are also available in increments of 3, 5, and 10 years.

<https://www.fishandboat.com/Pages/default.aspx>



Wearing Masks Protects You and Others

Wearing a mask protects the wearer, and not just other people, from the coronavirus, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention emphasized in an updated scientific brief issued Tuesday. And the protective benefits of masks are stronger the more people wear masks consistently and correctly, the agency says.

When the CDC first recommended that Americans wear

cloth face coverings back in April, it cited evidence that the coronavirus could be transmitted by asymptomatic people who might not be aware of their infectiousness – a group estimated to account for more than 50% of transmissions.

The agency says masks block virus-laden particles emitted

should by an infected person.

In a report updated Tuesday, the CDC says that is still the primary intention of wearing masks. But it also cites growing evidence that even cloth masks can also reduce the amount of infectious droplets inhaled by the wearer.

“This messaging is key to increase adherence and interest in mask wearing. I am thrilled!” Dr. Monica Gandhi, an infectious disease physician with the University of California, San Francisco, said in a tweet Tuesday.

Ghandi argued in a recently published paper that wearing masks can reduce the severity of illness with COVID-19, even if the wearer does become infected.

Growing Body Of Evidence Suggests Masks Protect Those Wearing Them, Too

As for which mask to choose? The CDC notes that when it comes to cloth masks, multiple layers made of higher thread counts do a better job of protecting the wearer than single layers of cloth with lower thread counts.

How Rapid-Result Covid Testing Can Save Lives.

by David Leonhardt *New York Times*

Reducing the spread of Covid-19 over the next several months — while vaccines are being distributed — has the potential to save more than 100,000 American lives, as I explained earlier. So how can we reduce the spread?

Some of the ways are well-known: consistent messages from national leaders; mask wearing; hand washing; and fewer indoor gatherings. But there is one other promising strategy, many experts believe:

Much more testing, especially tests that return results almost immediately, rather than a day or two later.

These tests, often known as antigen tests, could sharply cut the number of new infections by causing many more people who have the virus to enter quarantine. Germany and Italy have used antigen tests recently to help greatly reduce new cases. Several U.S. colleges have also used blanket testing — including slower-turnaround tests — to minimize outbreaks.

“There’s clear evidence that test-and-isolate works,” Paul Romer, a Nobel Prize-winning economist



at N.Y.U., told me. As Jennifer Nuzzo, a Johns Hopkins epidemiologist, said, “It can make a big difference, provided it’s coupled with other things.”

I went through it myself this week. I called several pharmacies and clinics in my areas until I found one offering a test to anybody who wanted one, and I drove there one one afternoon.

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PAHS Junior Arica Wieder Sews and Donates 350+ Masks

by Larry Cory

Pen Argyl High School junior Arica Wieder recently made over 350 masks for people to wear as protection from the Coronavirus.

"I first made them for my mom, sister and I to keep us safe when we went to the store," Arica said. "Then I began making them for other family members and friends to keep them safe."

Since then, she has been recognized by the Slate Belt Regional Police Department by posting her picture on their Facebook page for donating 100 homemade face masks.

She also has donated over 350 masks to various places such as Lehigh Valley Pocono Hospital, Slate Belt Health & Rehabilitation Center, Lehigh County coroner, food bank, and more.

She already had learned to sew from her Grammy Wanda. In ninth grade she bought a sewing machine to make a skirt, hair crunches and a replica civil war nurses uniform for her ninth-grade honors history project.

Although past experience was a huge help in learning



Arica With Masks Donated to SBRPD

to make masks she encountered some problems.

"I had trouble finding enough fabric, elastic, and thread for my mom to buy so I could donate in large amounts," she said. "I started using the loops to the loom maker I had until I got elastic."

Once her system was up and running she was able to make a mask in 20-30 minutes, which was an improvement over the 45 minutes needed on her first try.

"I am beyond honored by what Arica is and has been doing," said her mother, Amanda. "She truly has a caring, sweet old soul. She always puts others feelings and needs first. I am so happy our surrounding community is able to benefit and see her generosity."



Arica At SBRPD



Rep. Ann Flood, Arica & Sen. Mario Scavella



Arica Sewing a Mask

Tips to avoid getting and spreading COVID-19

In public:

Wear a mask in public settings, including on public transportation and in transportation hubs such as airports and stations. Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from anyone who is not from your household.

Bathrooms and rest stops:

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after using the bathroom and after you have been in a public place. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.

Getting gas:

Use disinfecting wipes on handles and buttons at the gas pumps before you touch them (if available).

After fueling, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. When you get to your destination, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Gift Basket Fundraiser

The Blue Mt. Community Library will sponsor a Valentine Gift Basket Fundraiser. The basket will be featured on their website at www.bmcl.org and their Facebook page.

Call the library at 610-863-3029 to place a bid from January 11 through February 6.

The library is currently open to visit on Mondays 10 am-Noon and 6-8 pm. They are also open Fridays and Saturdays 10 am - Noon by appointment.

When entering the library you must wear a mask and gloves will be provided to you. They are also open to borrow **CURBSIDE** on Thursdays morning and evening shifts, as well as all other shifts by calling the library to ask for the book(s) you want and a time to come to pick them up.

All books are sanitized and quarantined for your safety. Library membership is free to all residents in the Pen Argyl Area School District and non-residents may open a membership for a small yearly fee.



Dolores Savitz Honored for 45 Years of Service

Pen Argyl Borough Secretary Dolores Savitz has resigned after 45 years of dedicated service to the Borough. Recently, she was presented with citations from government officials. She also received the Pennsylvania Association of Borough's Trustee Award. Don't be surprised if you see her at Borough Hall graciously assisting in the transition. Administrative Assistant Julianne Lemak has been appointed Borough Secretary.

Takeout Food Tips

Getting takeout from your favorite restaurant for dinner? Use these tips to stay safe:

- Mobile phone order + pay online or by phone
- Accept take-out without in-person contact
- Stay 6 feet away from others
- Soap wash your hands after pickup

#MaskUpPA



COVID Anxiety Grows Tips to Avoid Crisis

(StatePoint) Among mask mandates, social distancing, outspoken political views and personal challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a heightened risk for public spaces turning into places of conflict.

According to experts at the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI), the global leader in de-escalation training for over 40 years, mentally preparing and practicing responses can best ensure non-confrontational experiences.

CPI has identified probable areas of conflict and how to best mitigate tension. They recommend embracing four simple techniques to prevent and reduce conflict:

1. Avoid judgment. Listen and focus on the feelings behind the message.
2. Don't take it personally. ATell yourself, "This may not be about the two of us; it may be about other issues in their life." Or repeat to yourself, "I'm going to be respectful. I'm going to be respectful."
3. Control your reactions. You can't control another person's behavior, but you can control how you react. Avoid using facial expressions, gestures and language that could make another person feel anxious or defensive.
4. Be prepared if you have to engage. Have a plan to acknowledge and redirect. Here are some things you could potentially say:

- "Yeah. This year has been difficult on everyone."
- "I can understand where you're coming from."
- "We'll all be glad when this pandemic is behind us."

More info: [visit www.crisisprevention.com](http://www.crisisprevention.com).

During a particularly tense time in our nation's history, having a few techniques at the ready can help you avoid conflict wherever you are.



How to Talk About Terrorism With Kids



Murphy Moroney, MSN

Watching an angry mob storm the Capitol building in response to Trump losing a second term was incredibly disturbing.

While the destruction was hard enough to witness as an adult, many parents worry about how their kids will process such a dark event in US history. As an act of domestic terrorism that was incited by a sitting President, speaking with children about what happened is important.

Although parents might be hesitant to bring up the insurrection with young children, preschool-aged kids can digest a basic understanding of what happened, particularly if they saw images or video footage on TV.

How Do You Explain What Transpired at the Capitol Building to Kids?

Before diving into a serious conversation about the attack on the Capitol, Reena B. Patel, a parenting expert and educational psychologist, urges parents to create a safe space for kids of all ages by allowing them to ask questions and not forcing them to talk about the topic until they're ready.

She also emphasized the importance of listening to get kids' perspectives and using the word "sometimes" when talking about the event to remind children that not everyone acts in this manner.

What's the Best Way to Teach Kids About Patriotism?

"The best way is to discuss what patriotism is not. It is not using hate to make your opinion heard, harming others, or bullying others to change their views,"

316 Marketplace in Wind Gap Has Something For Everyone

The new Marketplace 316 in Wind Gap is impressive. It offers a place for Local Antiques and Collectables, Artisans, Resellers & Foods, only found in Wind Gap.

J's Royal Family, Unique Finds, Flay'd Meats, Candy Pickers, and Uncle Chuck's & Son's Furniture are just few of many vendors.

Despite the COVID 19 pandemic, Marketplace 316 opened July 4th to the delight of avid flea marketers.

The North Broadway location is a huge improvement over the former Wind Gap Flea Market. The new Flea Market appears to be twice the size it was a few years ago, allowing far more vendors to set up shop.

Although I'm not a weekend, flea market junkie, I occasionally enjoy going to Saylorsburg, Jake's on Route 100, Adamstown, PA and a place in Front Royal, Va. I'm happy to say that I am definitely adding Marketplace 316 to my list of favorites.

They are open Saturdays and Sundays from 8am to 4pm at 316 North Broadway, Wind Gap. Visit their website at www.marketplace-316.com.



Commercial Lease Program

Slate Belt Rising, a program of Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley (CACLV), is introducing a Commercial Lease Subsidy Program to attract new and expanding businesses to the Boroughs of Bangor, Pen Argyl, Portland, and Wind Gap.

This program will provide businesses the support they need to get off the ground, helping to build more vibrant downtown areas that attract more businesses and the talent needed to build a competitive economy, thus creating a stronger and more resilient community.

"This will serve as an incentive for new businesses to open or other businesses to expand in the Boroughs of Bangor, Pen Argyl, Portland, and Wind Gap," said Stephen Reider, Director of Slate Belt Rising. "Our goals are to lower commercial vacancy rates, provide economic opportunity and create more vibrant business districts that are welcoming for residents and visitors alike."

The program will provide financial support to a minimum of five businesses during their first six months of operation. Selected businesses will receive 100% of rent payments (up to \$1,500 monthly) for their first three months and 50% of rent payments (up to \$750 monthly) for their next three months. The lease payments will be made for six consecutive months.

Slate Belt Rising anticipates that this will advance the economic viability of the Slate Belt through business development, job creation, and promotion of Slate Belt small businesses within and outside the community.

Any new business opening or moving into one of the boroughs or an existing business looking to open a second location within one of the boroughs may be eligible for the program. Applicants must be planning to lease between 500-5,000 square feet of first floor, market-rate office or retail space for a minimum 2-year term.

Applications are currently open and being accepted until February 12, 2021. For full guidelines and application, visit slatebeltrising.org.

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Physical Therapy Legislation Improves Access

HARRISBURG – Legislation that will improve access to physical therapy in Pennsylvania was approved by the Senate on Wednesday and is set for enactment into law, according to Senator Mario Scavella (R-40).

House Bill 862 would allow Pennsylvania to enter a Physical Therapy Licensure Compact with other states, increasing access to physical therapy services by decreasing licensure barriers and permitting licensed physical therapists to work in multiple states or more easily relocate to Pennsylvania.

The Physical Therapy Compact Commission is the national administrative body whose membership consists of all states that have enacted the compact and are responsible for its oversight. In order to practice in Pennsylvania under the compact, physical therapists must:

- Have a valid physical therapist license with no board-imposed limitations in Pennsylvania.
- Have not had any adverse licensing actions against them within the past two years.
- Notify the commission that compact privileges are being sought.

Under House Bill 862, the compact becomes operative between Pennsylvania and other states through action of the governor. Sixteen states are currently part of the Physical Therapy Compact. Several states have enacted compact legislation and will begin to issue and accept compact privileges over the course of the next year.

State Will Receive Monoclonal Antibodies

Harrisburg, PA - Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine today announced the federal government will be distributing monoclonal antibodies to healthcare systems throughout the commonwealth. Monoclonal antibodies are proteins built in a laboratory that mimic the immune system's ability to fight off harmful antigens, like the COVID-19 virus.

“The department will determine which healthcare systems receive allocations based upon county case counts,” Dr. Levine said. “Then, the federal government will distribute the antibodies to the respective healthcare systems to further help communities struggling with the spread of COVID-19. Monoclonal antibodies may provide short term protection from the SARS-CoV-2 virus for appropriate COVID-19 patients.”

The healthcare partners who receive the monoclonal antibodies will then ensure that patients who meet the criteria will be able to receive this treatment in a range of different distribution settings. Health care systems will determine eligibility for the antibodies based upon the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) emergency use authorization

The drug for the investigational monoclonal antibody therapy, bamlanivimab, for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adult and pediatric patients is specifically directed against the spike protein of SARS-CoV-2, designed to block the virus's attachment and entry into human cells. Bamlanivimab is not authorized for the patients who are hospitalized or require oxygen therapy due to COVID-19.

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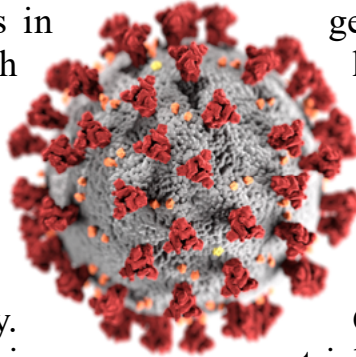
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Fact COVID-19 vaccines will not give you COVID-19

None of the COVID-19 vaccines currently in development or in use in the United States, contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. There are several different types of vaccines in development. However, the goal for each of them is to teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. Sometimes this process can cause symptoms, such as fever. These symptoms are normal and are a sign that the body is building immunity. Learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work.

It typically takes a few weeks for the body to build



immunity after vaccination. That means it's possible a person could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and get sick. This is because the vaccine has not had enough time to provide protection.

FACT: COVID-19 vaccines will not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests

Neither the recently authorized and recommended vaccines nor the other COVID-19 vaccines currently in clinical trials in the United States cause you to test positive on viral tests, which are used to see if you have a current infection.

Over \$260,000 Is Awarded to County Projects

HARRISBURG –It was announced recently that two Northampton County-based water cleanup projects were granted a total of \$263,180 from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Growing Greener Program.

"Clean water is not only vital to those who reside in our communities, but to the valuable ecosystems that survive around local water sources," said Emrick. "I am pleased that these projects are able to benefit from this program and can proceed to being completed as planned."

The funding breakdown for each project is as follows:

- Forks Township, Ramblewood Basin Retrofit, \$163,180.
- Plainfield Township, Little Bushkill Stream Restoration, \$100,000.

DEP's Growing Greener program, which has been active for over two decades, has provided over \$1 billion in environmental funding for local communities in all 67 counties. The program grants are funded in part from the Act 13 natural gas impact fee. DEP is authorized to allocate these grants for watershed restoration and protection, abandoned mine reclamation, and abandoned oil and gas well plugging projects

Scavello Appointed to Senate Leadership Position

Harrisburg -- Senator Mario Scavello (R-40) has been appointed by Senate President Pro Tempore Jake Corman (R-34) to the Pennsylvania Senate leadership position of Senate Majority Policy Chairman for the 2021-22 legislative session.

The committee works with Republican senators to develop legislation important to their districts and the commonwealth as a whole. The panel holds hearings to inform members and bring together stakeholders on key issues across Pennsylvania.

"I am honored to begin serving in this position and playing a key role in exploring issues important to

the 40th Senatorial District and all Pennsylvanians," Scavello said. Senator Scavello was elected to the Senate in 2014 and is looking forward to using his new leadership position to be an even stronger voice for those in his community and across Pennsylvania. Scavello's prior Chairmanship positions include the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee and the Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee, and he is a long-standing member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He most recently chaired the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee in the 2019-20 legislative session.



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St. Luke's nurse Sonia Iparraguirre, RN, was the first individual to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at St. Luke's University Health Network Thursday afternoon.

"I am so happy to be part of this momentous step to end the pandemic," Iparraguirre, of Bethlehem, said. "I want people in our community to know that the vaccine is safe, and that if they want it, they should get it. It protects their health and the health of our community."

Earlier this year, as St. Luke's University Health Network began preparing for the COVID-19 pandemic, its dedicated health care workers stepped to the forefront. Iparraguirre, who works on Priscilla Payne Hurd Pavilion 8, was literally on the front line as she admitted the first COVID-19 patient at St. Luke's University Hospital in Bethlehem.

Iparraguirre was recently honored for her contributions to St. Luke's pandemic mobilization and her commitment to the health of the community

by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of the Greater Lehigh Valley during its annual gala. Streamed from SteelStacks in Bethlehem on October 8, the theme of the gala was "The Heroes Among Us."

"Sonia embraced this unknown challenge with true grace and professionalism," says Rebecca Boyer, BSN, RN, Patient Care Manager, Priscilla Payne Hurd Pavilion 8. "She not only played a vital role in providing quality patient care, she went above and beyond in providing the intangibles that played such a crucial and meaningful role during this uncertain time."

These intangibles, Boyer explains, included comforting patients on isolation, spending time to listen to patients crying in fear of the effects of COVID-19, and facilitating communication with these patients' family members.

"Sonia is an outstanding example of St. Luke's commitment to caring for COVID-19 patients and all those we serve in our community," says Janice Concilio, St. Luke's COVID-19 Incident Commander.

Eagle Scout Helps Preserve Minsi Fish Hatchery History

Completed in 1960, the Poliskiewicz Trout Hatchery was in operation for three years prior to the construction of Lake Minsi. The hatchery and surrounding area near the east side of Lake Minsi were condemned in 1963 in order to build the lake. The hatchery was under ownership and operation of Philip, Joseph, and Peter Poliskiewicz, three brothers, who lived on the property adjacent to the hatchery.

The fish, primarily Brook and Rainbow Trout, were sold for both stocking and food. Unfortunately, due to its location, the hatchery fish had many natural predators. These included snakes, raccoons, herons, and kingfishers.



The first section of the hatchery is the spring, where water flow was obtained. This provided a steady, clean freshwater source for the hatchery. The spring empties into a long raceway where the wooden gates that separated different aged fish are still visible. At the end of the raceway is a large holding pond, which



at the time of operation, was circulated by a pump to keep the water fresh.

To your left was a short trail marked with yellow paint which follows along the spring, raceway, and holding pond. It is about a five to ten-minute walk and will bring you back to this location so that you can continue along the lake trail. As

you walk along the trail you will see how the hatchery operated. Please be mindful of any wildlife you may encounter along the pathway and in the waterways, including the watercress that grows in the spring and the raceway. This project was updated and completed by Jackson F. Krei Troop 146, White Township, NJ. For his Eagle Scout service project.

The original kiosk and research were completed by Aaron Knecht, Troop 37, Portland, PA. For his Eagle Scout service project.

Jackson offers a Special thanks to Northampton County Parks, and Phil Poliskiewicz for providing information about the hatchery, and everyone else that was part of the project.



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Northampton County Drive-Thru COVID Testing

To get a test at the drive-thru site an individual must report or display one or more CDC-recognized symptoms of COVID-19. Please bring your ID and insurance card with you. Tests are free for Northampton County residents who don't have insurance.



NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COVID-19 DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING SITE

COORDINATED HEALTH

3100 Emrick Blvd. Bethlehem

Monday/Wednesday/Friday - 9AM - 4PM

Tuesday/Thursday - 11AM - 6PM

Saturdays - 9AM - Noon

Coronavirus Variant May Spread 70% Faster

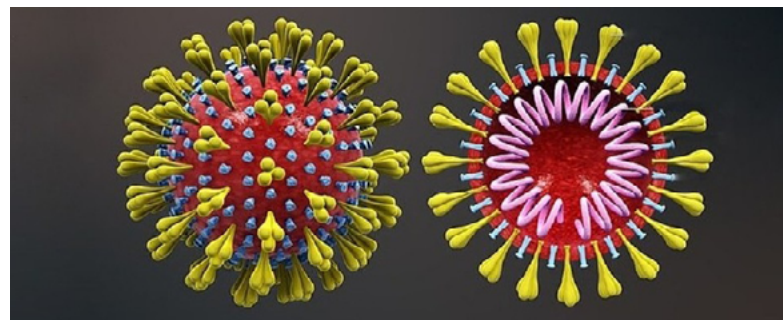
Just as vaccines begin to offer hope for a path out of the pandemic, officials in Britain this past weekend sounded an urgent alarm about what they called a highly contagious new variant of the coronavirus circulating in England.

Citing the rapid spread of the virus through London and surrounding areas, Prime Minister Boris Johnson imposed the country's most stringent lockdown since March.

But the estimate of greater transmissibility — British officials said the variant was as much as 70 percent more transmissible — is based on modeling and has not been confirmed in lab experiments, Dr. Cevik added.

Several experts urged caution, saying it would take years — not months — for the virus to evolve enough to render the current vaccines impotent.

"No one should worry that there is going to be a



single catastrophic mutation that suddenly renders all immunity and antibodies useless," Dr. Bloom said.

"It is going to be a process that occurs over the time scale of multiple years and requires the accumulation of multiple viral mutations," he added. "It's not going to be like an on-off switch."

The scientific nuance mattered little to Britain's neighbors. Worried by the potential influx of travelers carrying the variant, the Netherlands said it would suspend flights from Britain from Sunday until Jan. 1.



COVID-19 VACCINATION PHASES IN PENNSYLVANIA



Phase 1A

- Long-term care facility residents

Health care personnel including, but not limited to:

- Emergency medical service personnel
- Nurses
- Nursing assistants
- Physicians
- Dentists
- Dental hygienists
- Chiropractors
- Therapists
- Phlebotomists
- Pharmacists
- Technicians
- Pharmacy technicians
- Health professions students and trainees
- Direct support professionals
- Clinical personnel in school settings or correctional facilities
- Contractual HCP not directly employed by the health care facility
- Persons not directly involved in patient care but potentially exposed to infectious material that can transmit disease among or from health care personnel and patients

Phase 1B

- People ages 75 and older
- People in congregate settings not otherwise specified as LTCF and persons receiving home and community-based services
- First responders
- Correctional officers and other workers serving people in congregate care settings not included in Phase 1A
- Food and agricultural workers
- U.S. Postal Service workers
- Manufacturing workers
- Grocery store workers
- Education workers
- Clergy and other essential support for houses of worship
- Public transit workers
- Individuals caring for children or adults in early childhood and adult day programs

Phase 1C

- People ages 65-74
- People aged 16-64 with high risk conditions causing increased risk for severe disease

Essential workers in these sectors:

- Transportation and logistics
- Water and wastewater
- Food service
- Housing construction
- Finance, including bank tellers
- Information technology
- Communications
- Energy, including nuclear reactors
- Legal services
- Federal, state, county and local government workers, including county election workers, elected officials and members of the judiciary and their staff
- Media
- Public safety
- Public health workers

Phase 2

- All individuals not previously covered who are 16 and older and do not have a contraindication to the vaccine (note that at this time, only the Pfizer-BioNTech product is approved for those age 16 and 17)

How Vaccine Recipients Felt After COVID-19 Shots

Lehigh Valley, Pa. (Dec. 22, 2020) - Wondering how it feels the day after a COVID-19 vaccine? Since Thursday, Lehigh Valley Health Network has administered more than 1,000 vaccinations to front-line, high-risk workers and plans to vaccinate about 6,000 more in the coming days. Of those who received a vaccination, only three people reported side effects – one person had redness and swelling at the injection site, one had an itchy throat and the other had a fever. Symptoms for each person subsided quickly. Of the colleagues who had known severe allergies, no side effects were reported.

“Except for a sore arm at the injection site, much like how I felt when I got the flu shot, it is business as usual today,” said Jennifer Rovella, DO, LVPG Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. “I feel great knowing that this is the beginning to the end of the pandemic.”

Chantal Branco, RN, LVHN Patient Care Services, the first person in the region and at LVHN to receive the Pfizer authorized vaccine had a similar reaction. “I’m feeling great today. My left arm is a little sore but nothing that is keeping me from my normal daily activities.”

Glenn Thompson, RN, LVHN Emergency Services, said that getting the shot didn’t limit him in any way. “About 24 hours after getting the vaccine, I have no issues besides a slightly sore arm at the injection site.”

Marcelo Gareca, MD, LVPG Infectious Diseases, even went a bit further in describing that he was not impacted by the vaccine.

Bangor Elks Donates to Portland Food Pantry

Bangor Elks Lodge #1106 in partnership with the Elks National Foundation recently provided a donation of \$2000 to the Portland Food Pantry (PUMP) to assist with food and supplies needed to assist families through these struggling times.

Recently, the Elks Lodge presented a check for \$2000 to members and volunteers of the Food Pantry. The Portland / Upper Mt. Bethel Food Pantry (PUMP) was founded by Sherma LaBarre Godshalk in 1994 as an outgrowth of her dedication to provide food to needy families. It continued under her direction for twenty-one years until she passed away in 2015. It was then under the direction of Sherman LaBarre (Sherma’s father), in her honor, until his passing in December of 2020. It continues with its many, hard working volunteers.

The Bangor Elks Lodge continues its commitment to the community operating the Borough Park Train and the Annual Halloween Parade.

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USDA Rural Development

USDA Rural Development in Pennsylvania is calling for applications for Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants.

Also known as Section 504 Home Repair program, this provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes. It also provides loans and grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

In 2020, the program provided more than \$1.8 million in funding for repairs to 294 rural Pennsylvania homes. For questions and guidance regarding application requirements for the Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants Program, please contact:

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USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas.

This assistance supports housing, infrastructure improvements, business development, high-speed internet access, and community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov/pa.

If you'd like to subscribe to the USDA Rural Development updates, visit our GovDelivery subscriber page.

Maintaining Hydration For Physical Activity

Proper hydration is one of the most important aspects of healthy physical activity. Drinking the right amount of fluids before, during and after physical activity is vital to providing your body the fluids it needs to perform properly. Sports dietitians assist athletes by developing individualized hydration plans that enhance performance in training and competition while minimizing risks for dehydration, over-hydration and heat illness and injury.

Hydration Goal

The overall goal is to minimize dehydration without over-drinking. Adequate hydration varies among individuals. Practical ways to monitor hydration are:

Urine color. The color of the first morning's urine void after awaking is an overall indicator of hydration status. Straw or lemonade colored urine is a sign of appropriate hydration. Dark colored urine, the color of apple juice, indicates dehydration. Bright urine often is produced soon after consuming vitamin supplements.

Sweat loss. Change in body weight before and after exercise is used to estimate sweat loss. Since an athlete's sweat loss during exercise is an indicator of hydration status, athletes are advised to follow customized fluid replacement plans that consider thirst, urine color, fluid intake, sweat loss and body weight changes that occur during exercise.

Minimize Dehydration

Dehydration can occur in virtually every physical activity scenario. It doesn't have to be hot. You don't have to have visible perspiration. You can become dehydrated in the water, at a pool or lake, or skiing on a winter day.

Dehydration results when athletes fail to adequately replace fluid lost through sweating.

Since dehydration that exceeds 2 percent body weight loss harms exercise performance, athletes are advised to begin exercise well hydrated, minimize dehydration during exercise and replace fluid losses after exercise. Be alert for conditions that increase your fluid loss through sweat.

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STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid touching your
eyes, nose, and mouth.



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How And Where To Recycle Old Cellphones

Phones and their batteries are some of the easiest electronics to recycle, according to Call2Recycle.

Remember to transfer any data and photos on your old phone to a new phone, or otherwise save your photos before performing a factory reset. Remember to remove the SIM card, if it's still there.

The company accepts all phones and batteries regardless of size, make, model or age. Call2Recycle can refurbish the device for resale or recycle the materials for a new device. If you look hard enough, you can even get paid for recycling your phone.

If your phone is new enough, you may be able to trade it in to a carrier if you're buying a new phone, or sell it on the open market. Otherwise, if it's lost a lot of value, recycling may be your best bet for getting a dusty phone off your hands.

Best Buy accepts three phones per household per day, Lowes has recycling centers at every location, Home Depot takes phones up to 11 pounds, and Staples also takes phones.



Whole Foods works with Secure the Call to get 911 emergency-only phones to senior citizens and domestic violence shelters. Just make sure you bring the charger.

You can also donate your gently used phones to Cell Phones for Soldiers. The program helps troops call their families at home for free.

Local communities may also take donations as part of a citywide drive.

You should also checking with your employer to see how it handles e-waste. You may be able to add a few items to the collection.

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Air Temperature: The higher the temperature, the greater your sweat losses.

Intensity: The harder you work out, the more you perspire.

Body Size and Gender: Larger people sweat more. Men generally sweat more than women.

Duration: The longer the workout, the more fluid loss.

Fitness: Well-trained athletes perspire more than less fit people. Why? Athletes cool their bodies through sweat more efficiently than most people because their bodies are used to the extra stress. Thus, fluid needs are higher for highly trained athletes than for less fit individuals.

Remember swimmers sweat, too. Like any athletic activity, when you swim, your body temperature rises and your body sweats to keep from overheating. You may not notice because you are in the water, but you can become dehydrated.

Swimmers, from competitive athletes to families splashing around, need to drink fluids before, during and after swimming, even if you don't feel thirsty.

**Remember all the
restaurants and small
businesses that you've
asked for years and years
to donate to your clubs,
events, and organizations?
They're calling in a favor.
Answer the call.**

Afterschool Programs Very Important This Year



Afterschool programs help students succeed in school and in life and provide invaluable support to communities. As we've seen this year, these programs play an especially important role when students, families, and communities are struggling.

Programs across the country have stepped up in the pandemic, providing virtual educational activities, delivering meals and enrichment kits, helping families bridge the digital divide, connecting people to social services, and continuing in-person care for the children of essential workers and first responders.

Unfortunately, a large majority of afterschool programs that were open in the fall of 2020 report they are straining to meet the needs of the students and families they have long supported. National surveys of parents and afterschool providers conducted by Edge Research for the Afterschool Alliance, a nonprofit awareness and advocacy group, find that programs and parents are challenged by virtual learning; program budgets are inadequate to address new safety protocols and students' emerging needs; and students from low-income families are now less likely than others to have access to afterschool programs.

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The first day of *astronomical* winter in the Northern Hemisphere is marked by the winter solstice, which occurs on Monday, December 22, 2020, at 5:02 A.M. EST.

For the northern half of Earth (the Northern Hemisphere), the winter solstice occurs annually on December 21 or 22. (For the Southern Hemisphere, the winter solstice occurs on June 20 or 21.)

Day of Least Light

Winter solstice is a day with the fewest hours of sunlight in the year, making it the "shortest day." Actually, sunrise continues to occur later each day. Today's sunrise is 7:22, December 31 is 7:25. The extra light results from later sunsets. Today's sunset is 4:38pm, December 31 is 4:45. giving us 4 minutes of more light.

By January 10, sunrise finally begins earlier as the length of day extends to 13 minutes, 27 seconds.

Meteorological Winter

Meteorological winter (in the Northern Hemisphere) is the period from December 1 through February 29

Meteorologists define "winter" as the three coldest months of the year: December, January, and February, which seems to really define the actual meaning of winter.

Benefits of Winter

Winter is very good for the world around us. Many plants need shorter days and low temperatures to become dormant.

This way plants can store up energy for new growth. If a fruit tree doesn't have enough chilling time, it will produce fewer, weaker buds.

Snow also acts as a giant water reservoir. Without it, there could be water shortages.

Lower Mount Bethel Twp Expands Recreation Access



Residents of Lower Mount Bethel and Washington Townships in Northampton County have a new place to enjoy the outdoors thanks in part to a DCNR grant.

Lower Mount Bethel Township purchased the 74-acre Meadows at Martins Creek, thanks to a DCNR contribution toward the purchase of 47 of those acres.

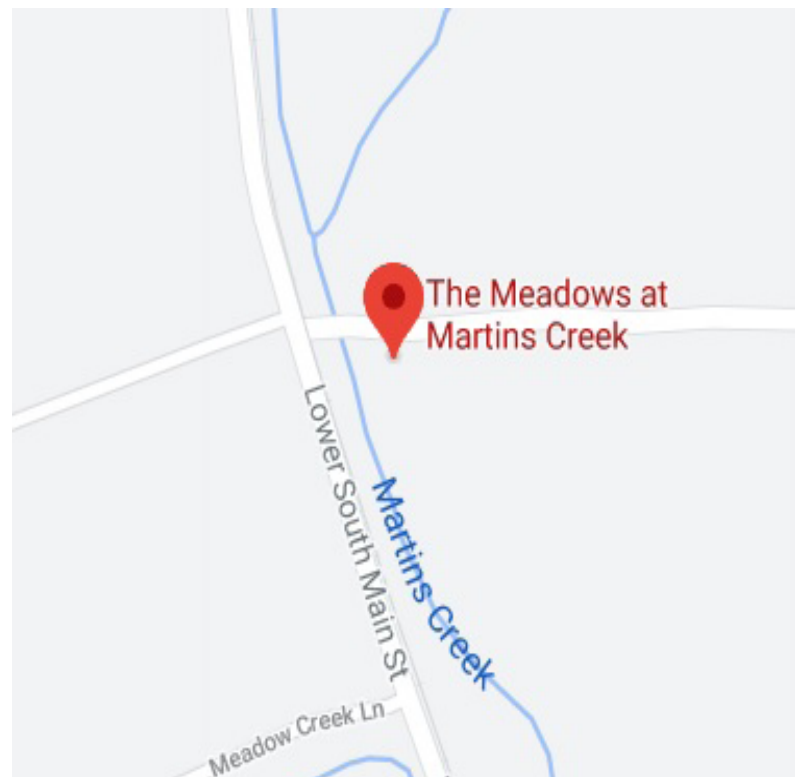
Grant funding came from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund.

“The Meadows at Martins Creek is the result of cooperative effort on the part of state, county, and local funding sources,” says John Mauser, a member of Lower Mount Bethel Township’s Board of Supervisors. “Partnerships such as this are crucial for communities like Lower Mount Bethel Township to continue to preserve open space.”

The property supports passive recreation such as

hiking, birdwatching, and fishing on Martins Creek -- a designated Class A Wild Trout Stream. It also helps implement the vision of the Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Landscape, a partnership to conserve and connect ribbons of green in the Lehigh Valley.

The acquired land provides close-to-home outdoor recreation for a part of Northampton County that lacked it, according to an analysis of recreation need in Pennsylvania done by the Trust for Public Land.



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Avoid Bringing COVID 19 Into Your Household

Your household includes anyone who lives in and shares common spaces in your housing unit (house or apartment) Households can include family members and or people who aren't related to you, like roommates

People who don't currently live with you (for example, college students who return home from school on breaks) are part of different households

Keep COVID-19 Outside Your Home

When you leave your house to work, run errands, or for any other reason, you have a chance of being exposed

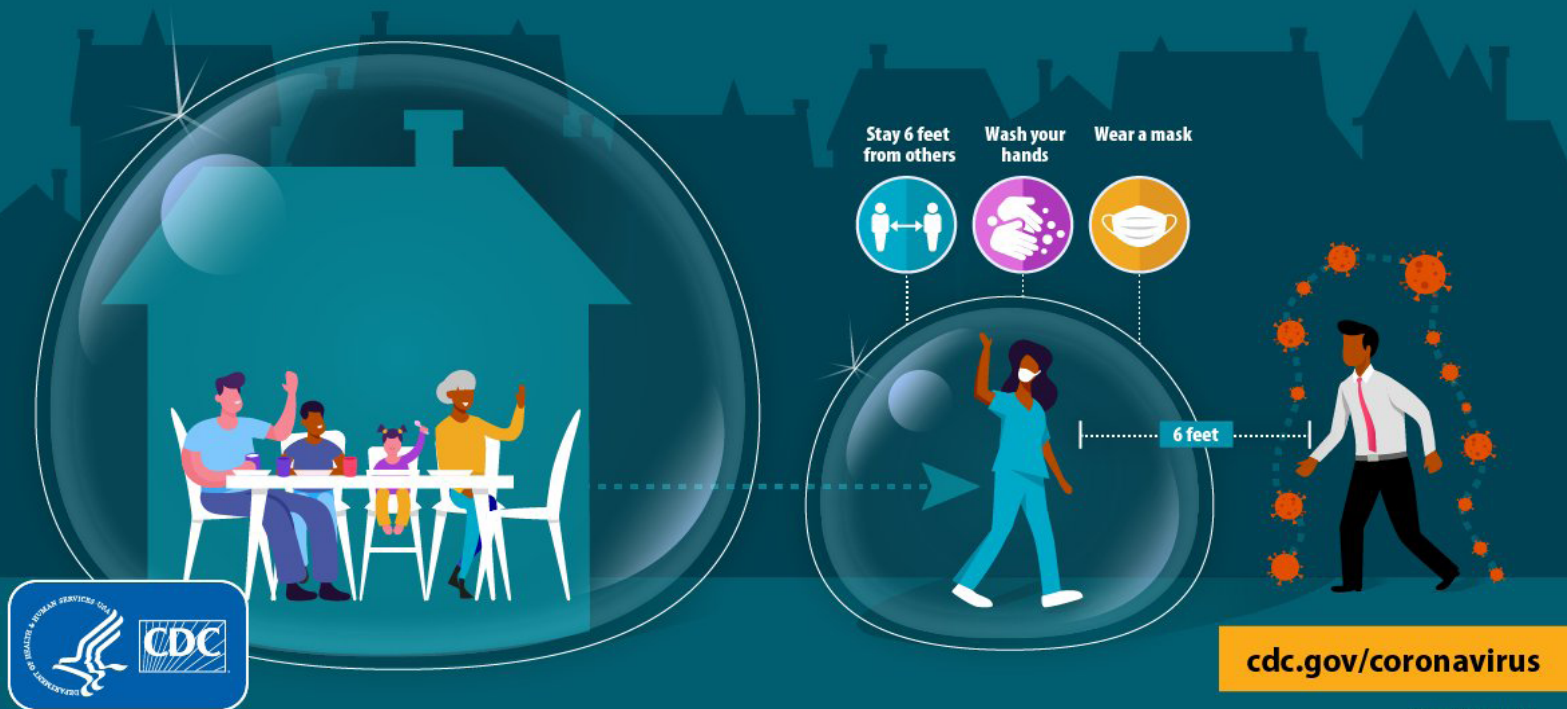
to COVID-19 and bringing it into your household.

The chances of being exposed increase when you:

- Have contact with other people (within 6 feet)
- Spend more time with other people
- Spend time in crowds (more than 10 people)
- Spend time in indoors, particularly poorly ventilated

Keep COVID-19 outside your home! When around people who don't live in your home, wear a mask, wash your hands, and stay at least 6 feet apart to protect yourself and prevent bringing COVID-19 into your household.

PREVENT COVID-19 IN YOUR HOME



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The Importance of Washing Your Hands

Proper hand-washing has the power to reduce food poisoning and significantly reduce the spread of the common cold and flu and other viruses. Help keep yourself and those around you healthy with some tips on scrubbing up.

How to Wash

- Wet hands, apply soap. water can be warm or cold. wash front and back, up to your wrists, between fingers and under fingernails.
- Take at least 20 seconds to wash your hands — about the time it takes to sing two choruses of “Happy Birthday.”
- Dry hands with disposable paper towels, clean cloth towels or air dry.

When to Wash

Always wash hands before handling, preparing or eating food and when feeding children or the elderly.

Hands also should be washed after you:

- Prepare or handle raw foods such as poultry or other meats and seafood
- Switch food preparation tasks, such as working with raw meat then cutting vegetables



- Handle egg products
- Use the restroom
- Handle garbage or dirty dishes
- Other situations that indicate hands should be washed include:
 - Changing a diaper
 - Coughing or sneezing
 - Smoking
 - Touching animals or other people
 - Touching your hair or body or any open cuts or sores
 - Using the phone
 - Handling dirty laundry

Odyssey Edu-camp

Odyssey Edu-camp is ready to TAKE OFF into the spring semester! Do you want your child to join us? Each morning students are guided and assisted through their online education program and three afternoons a week get to enjoy a fun filled afternoon day camp! Tuesdays feature gym, Wednesdays feature art, and Thursdays feature music!

If you are ready to join us sign your child up today, or learn more by visiting <https://www.tuscarora.org/odyssey>

Cellar Door in Belvidere

Have you ever heard of The Cellar Door? It is a small business located in Belvidere, NJ. They carry so many fantastic items including Candleman Creations LLC candles and wax melts!

<https://www.facebook.com/thecellardoormarket/>



Thanks to the kind donations of Lamtec, Custom Laminating and the People of Upper Mount Bethel, UMBT was able to give each server and bartender in Upper Mount Bethel, impacted by the Governor's restrictions, \$250 each before Christmas to help them out during this difficult time. Both Fire Departments also supported the cause. Thank you North Bangor Fire Department and Mount Bethel Fire Department!