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Learning About The Virus From Re-opening Schools

by Madeline Holcombe, CNN

With schools closed since March and April -- as coronavirus cases soared to more than 4.3 million and deaths climbed to 149,258, according to data from Johns Hopkins University -- a knowledge gap has persisted around how young children experience and spread the virus, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said Tuesday.

"We don't know the full impact," Fauci said during a discussion with Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers. "We don't have the total database of knowing what there is to expect."

As states have attempted to allow businesses to reopen their doors, the nation has continued to debate how and when it would be safe to send students back to school.

Some states have begun to put plans in place to make in-person learning safer and online learning more effective. Tennessee announced testing and contact tracing measures within schools, Oregon set restrictions for schools that can allow students back and Connecticut is investing $43.5 million in providing digital devices to help students learn remotely.

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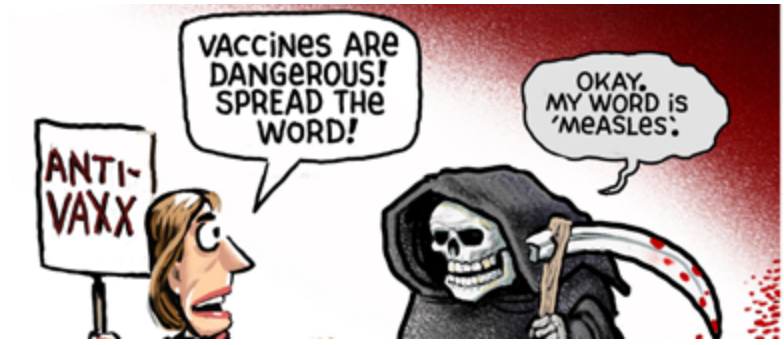
Anti-Vaxxers Pose Huge Global Health Threat

(Bloomberg Opinion) -- With any luck, one of the handful of promising Covid-19 vaccines currently going through human trials will meet with regulatory approval, maybe even in time for winter. One thing worrying public health officials, though, is what happens if a significant number of people don't want to be vaccinated.



Vaccines are responsible for saving millions of lives every year, and yet there has always been a small but hardcore contingent of anti-vaxxers that rejects the science or buys into conspiracy theories about immunizations. Unfortunately, their ranks are growing.

Countering the anti-vaxxers is important work, but it's only part of the picture. The bigger danger is a broader vaccine hesitancy: What if rational people

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Softball Tryouts

With the 2020 season getting such a late start due to covid-19 restrictions, and most teams extending their seasons into late July / August, the Blue Valley Mountain Lions Softball program will be conducting private tryouts only for the 2021 season. If you are interested in joining our club for the upcoming season or if you'd like more information about us, please send your letter of interest to suranofsky.bvml@gmail.com or tater.32@hotmail.com. Please mention age level 12U, 14U , 16u or 18u in your email

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Although Fauci said that there is no "uni-dimensional answer" to how schools should reopen he reiterated that the "default position should be that we should try to the best of our ability to get the children back to school."

Fauci encouraged teachers to wear a mask, cover their eyes with either goggles or a face shield, and maybe wear gloves to help create a safe classroom. He also said he believes a vaccine could be ready by the end of the year.

"I feel with some cautious optimism that it is a reasonable statement to make that by December we're going to have a safe and effective vaccine."

NEW VIRUS CASE REPORT - JULY 28

LOCATION	TOTAL CASES	NEW CASES
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Northampton	3,780	22
Monroe	1,562	5
Lehigh	4,733	30

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Road Work July 27-31

PA 33 South. Between: Freemansburg Avenue and Interstate 78. Daytime Southbound lane restriction 09:00 AM To 03:00 PM. Start date: 7/27/20 Est completion date: 7/28/20

PA 33 South. Between: Freemansburg Avenue and Interstate 78. Daytime Southbound lane restriction 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date: 7/27/20. Est completion date: 7/28/20

Bushkill Center Road. Between: High Street and Bushkill Drive. Daytime Lane restriction with flagging 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date: 7/27/20. Est completion date: 7/31/20

Plainfield, Bushkill twps. Road name: State Park Road. Between: Jacobsburg Road and Church Road. Daytime Lane restriction with flagging 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date: 7/27/20. Est completion date: 7/28/20

Plainfield Twp. Road name: Filetown Road. Between: Jacobsburg Road and Sullivan Trail. Daytime Lane restriction with flagging 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date: 7/29/20. Est completion date: 7/29/20

Plainfield, Bushkill Twp. Road name: Henry Road. Between: Jacobsburg Road and Belfast Road. Daytime Lane restriction with flagging 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date: 7/30/20. Est completion date: 7/31/20

Bangor Borough, Roseto Borough, Washington Township, and Upper Mount Bethel Township. Road name: PA 191 Between: PA 512 and Monroe County Line Daytime Restriction 07:00 AM To 05:00 PM: Start date: 7/24/20 Est completion date: 11/13/20

Ongoing Traffic Alerts

- **Delabole Rd closed from American Bangor Road to Molasses Rd** for Bridge repair .
- **Roadwork on Belvidere Road both directions** 0 miles West of DePues Ferry Road, PPL. Lane restriction.
- **Roadwork on I-78 westbound** between Mile Post: 60.5 and Mile Post: 60.0. There is a lane restriction.
- **Roadwork on I-78 westbound** between .5 miles west of Exit 45: PA 863 - and .7 miles west of Exit 35: PA 143 - traffic disruption.
- **US 22 between PA 191 and 25th Street** Weekend restrictions Friday nights 9 PM thru Monday mornings at 6 am. Weeknight lane restrictions 9pm to 6am. (West bound first then East Bound)
- **Jacobsburg Road Between: State Park Road and Belfast Road** Restriction: Closed and detoured for bridge repairs Start date:6/15/20 Est completion date: 9/22/20. All day restrictions.
- **Portland Borough and Upper Mount Bethel Township.** Boulder Drive Between: State Street and Middle Village Road. Boulder Drive will be closed and detoured. Detour will route passenger vehicles on Middle Village Road, PA 611 and State Street. Truck detour will route truck traffic on Middle Village Road, Jacoby Creek Road, Railroad Avenue, PA 611 and State Street. The closure is related to the replacement of the State Street Bridge over Jacoby Creek. Est completion date: 8/31/21

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License Expiration

Dates for driver licenses, photo ID cards & learner's permits scheduled to expire from March 16, 2020 through August 31, 2020, have been extended until August 31, 2020 in response to statewide #COVID19 mitigation efforts.

VFC Information for Parents

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program offers vaccines at no cost to eligible children through health care providers enrolled in the program. Vaccinating on time means healthier children, families, and communities. Find out if your child qualifies for the VFC program.

Children who are eligible for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program can receive vaccines at no cost through a national network of participating health care providers.

The VFC program helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccinations on schedule. These vaccines protect babies, young children, and adolescents from 16 diseases

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/parents/index.html

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who get their flu shots and vaccinate their children, and who are eager to be part of the solution to this pandemic, have worries that public health authorities and governments don't address?

The World Health Organization lists vaccine hesitancy as one of its top 10 global health threats. One in six U.K. respondents to a June YouGov survey said they definitely or probably would not get vaccinated. A CNN poll in May showed a third of Americans would not try to get a vaccine if it existed. Like everything else in the U.S., opinion on a vaccine varies along party lines, with 81% of Democrats and only 51% of Republicans keen to get vaccinated.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S.'s top infectious disease expert, has said that a vaccine that is 70% to 75% effective but taken by only two-thirds of the public would not create the herd immunity necessary for economies to get back up and running.

NWS Forecast - July 29

Today
Sunny, with a high near 88. Light and variable wind becoming west 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight
Mostly clear, with a low around 67. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

Thursday
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Thursday Night
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Friday
Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. North wind around 5 mph.

Friday Night
Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Saturday
Mostly sunny, with a high near 87.

Saturday Night
Partly cloudy, with a low around 67.

Sunday
A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Sunday Night
Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 11pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 11pm and 2am, then a chance of showers after 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Monday
A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 85. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Monday Night
A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

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Slate Belt Happenings

July 29

Jacobsburg Weekly Weeders

July 29, August 19, 26 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to work alongside our education staff as they mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Volunteers will need to wear a mask, bring a water bottle, and practice social distancing. Registration is required in order to maintain small group sizes in accordance with the current health guidance. Register for community programs online Click Here.

July 31-August 2

Roseto Community Yard Sale

Roseto Borough Annual Community Yard Sale will be held on Friday, July 31, 2020; Saturday, August 1, 2020 and Sunday, August 2, 2020. There will be no permit fee for the yard sale and residents do not need to register with Roseto Borough. Yard Sales may held at their own homes for all or any combination of the three days.

August 1

Ice Cream - BBQ

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church 703 S. Delaware Dr. (Route 611), Mt. Bethel (Stone Church) will hold a Take Out **Chicken Bar-b-cue on Saturday, August 1st.** You must pre-order your meal with pick up between 2pm and 5pm. The meal includes a delicious bar-b-cue half of chicken, potato, homemade bread, spiced cabbage and dessert. The cost is $13. To order, please call Chrissy at 610-588-0809 by July 27.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church will also be holding **Take Out Homemade Ice Cream** on Saturday, August 1st. This is a first come, first serve pick up between 2pm and 5pm. Available flavors are chocolate, vanilla, pineapple, butter pecan, peanut butter, strawberry and blueberry. Available in quarts only for $10 each.

Sportsman Drawing

The Sportsman Drawing and Meat Raffle will be held on August 1, 2020. Purchase tickets through any member of Lookout Fire Co. No. 1. **www.lookoutfireco.com** or check their Facebook page

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Honor our community, friends, and families with lite refreshments, free hot dogs and fun fellowship.

Hosted by Gary Mark Barraco, and held outdoors with Live Music with Shlapp and Ito Moonlight Hippies at 50 Broadway, Bangor.

August 2

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EBUCC Church

East Bangor United Community Church Sun., August 2 - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Online)

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The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church welcomes you to a Free (Take-Out Only) Dinner on Sunday, Aug. 2nd, from 4-5 pm. Remember to wear your mask. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. Questions? call 610-588-4453 or visit http://ebumc.org/.

August 8

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August 9

Meet The Author

Come meet local author Jolynn Angelini from 1:00-3:00pm August 9 at the Bangor Public Library.

She will be sharing with her first book, *The Protectors*, a fast-paced thriller. The book is available for purchase from www.iuniverse.com

Space is limited. Please call to hold your space.

Event will take place in the library parking lot. Bring own chair. Social distancing and masks as needed.

Post 927 Meeting

The American Legion Riders have their monthly meeting on Sunday, August 9 at 10:30 AM at the American Legion Post 927, Route 209 and Fairgrounds Road, Gilbert.

The American Legion Riders contribute to Veterans, the Community, and enjoy riding.

For more information, contact President Everett "Skippy" Shaver, 570-977-8208 or everett.shaver@yahoo.com.

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August 10-14

Online VBS

East Bangor United Methodist Community Church is offering Online VBS! Vacation Bible School will be available online this year for kids ages 4-12 from August 10th-14th. The theme is "High Seas Expedition". Supply kits will be available for pickup at the church. Deadline to register is Wednesday, Aug. 5th. For more information and to register online go to www.ebumc.org. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA. (610-588-4453)

August 11-15

Blue Valley Farm Show

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August 11

Bach At Noon

Bach At Noon performances are presented by The Bach Choir of Bethlehem at St. John's Lutheran Church in downtown Allentown. These concerts will be videotaped, featuring smaller ensembles of musicians who incorporate safe social distancing, appearing online on The Bach Choir's You Tube channel. The August Bach at Noon performance has been endowed by Reverend Ronald R. Miller in loving memory of Maestro James A. Simms, and to continue to share the fruits of his life-giving labors in music-making.

August 12

Hike for Health

Wednesday, August 12, September 16, and October 14 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Join us after work for a hike with a St. Luke's University health professional! Get some exercise while learning about health and fitness outdoors. Each hike will include a presentation from a guest health professional on topics such as physical fitness, stretching, and nutrition. A different guest will hike with us each month, sharing a topic that they specialize in. We will hike at a brisk pace over uneven terrain for 2 to 2.5 miles guided by a center educator. Our guest will be available during the hike to discuss the topic of the day and answer your questions. This program is being provided in partnership with St. Luke's University Health Network and the Get Your Tail on the Trail initiative. Meet at the Visitor Center at 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth, PA. Participants must be in possession of a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines. Register for community programs online Click Here.

August 13

Slate Belt Textile Industry

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will be posting their next program on their Facebook page on Thursday, August 13th. Marc Blau, Karen Brewer, Dan Carrescia and Fred Derea will be presenting the Center's new book about the textile industries, "A History of the Slate Belt Textile Industry". All four authors will be talking about the research and hard work that went into the creation of this book, including discovering where all of the mills were located.

August 15

Strohe Golf Tournament

The Todd Strohe Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, August 15 at Whitetail Golf Course 8:00 Shotgun w/Lunch following. More info later.

August 15-16

Heritage Center Opening

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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**

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Where to Eat

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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. 610-863-6670. M-Sat (11-10) Sun (10-10)
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512 Restaurant

512 Restaurant 2 East Pennsylvania Ave, Pen Argyl. Tues-Sunday, Curbside and delivery. 610-881-4540.
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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. Tables both under and outside the tent. 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

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Broadway Pub

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

Five Points Grill & Pub

Five Points Grill & Pub 1001 Mt. Bethel Highway, Mt. Bethel. 610-588-1773. Closed until further notice.
More Info: Click Here

Boar Barbecue

Boar Barbecue 690 Allegheny Road, Mt. Bethel. 484-908-3407. More Info: Click Here

JT Grill

JT Grill at Miller's Egg Ranch on Route 12, East Bangor is serving breakfast and lunch from 10am-3pm Tuesdays through Saturdays! Tuesday, June 9th lunch special:Italian Hot Dog with Beverage Outdoor seating available. More info: Click Here

These Restaurant listings are free because of the limitations placed on eateries due to the Coronavirus pandemic. If you have any other listing you want to add contact Slate Belt Town Topics sbtopics@rcn.com or call 610-863-1988

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The Slate Belt Heritage Center will be opening for the season, after a five month delay caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. It will be open to the general public for the first time on Saturday, August 15 and Sunday, August 16, from 12:00 – 3:00. The Heritage Center will then be open every weekend until the end of October.

August 16

Vendor and Craft Fair

The Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company is having a Vendor & Craft Fair on Sunday August 16th, 2020 (new date) from 9am to 3pm. Food and Drinks will be sold by the fire company.

This is an outdoor event and it will be held whether rain or shine. If you are interested in a space contact Brett Morrison at 484-542-9517, Aundrea Morrison at 610-984-7101, or email at bdjm987@gmail.com

August 19

Jacobsburg Weekly Weeders

Wednesday, August 19, 26 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to work alongside our education staff as they mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Volunteers will need to wear a mask, bring a water bottle, and practice social distancing. Registration is required in order to maintain small group sizes in accordance with the current health guidance. Register for community programs online Click Here.

August 21

Family Night - Moth Magic

Friday, August 21 at 8:00pm to 9:00pm

Moths are everywhere and come in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes. Join local moth enthusiast Steve Kloiber as we search for moths and other insects of the night. Steve will try to lure them in with lights and sugaring. Please bring a flashlight. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines. Participants must be in possession of a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program.Register for community programs online Click Here.

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August 22

Avian Adventures for Scouts

Saturday, August 22 at 9:30am to 11:00am

Have you ever wanted to learn more about birds? There's no time like the present! Join us to learn about what equipment you'll need, get tips on identifying birds by sight and sound and find out what makes bird watching such a great hobby. This program is best for 8-18 year old scouts. Please register all family members that will be attending. Troop registrations will not be accepted. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines. Participants must be in possession of a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program.Register for community programs online Click Here.

Botanical Treasures of Jacobsburg

Saturday, August 22 at 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Join us as we explore the park and search for both common and unusual late summer flowers. We'll discuss the ecology of various flowers as well as any legends, myths and stories that might surround them. Be prepared for a moderate hike that may involve muddy slopes and uphill climbs. Please bring water, a snack, and wear sturdy shoes. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines. Participants must be in possession of a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program.

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Free Meals For Kids

Reminder for parents of school-aged children: If your child gets free meals when school is in session, you can receive money for meals through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program

Details: http://on.pa.gov/2MOkvPc.

Application: http://on.pa.gov/3d5j0b6.

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Bangor Library New Books

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Adult Fiction

Devolution: a Firsthand Account of the Rainier Sasquatch Massacre by Max Brooks
Memoirs and Misinformation by Jim Carrey
Fallen Skies by Philippa Gregory
Rodham: A Novel by Curtis Sittenfeld
Daddy's Girls: A Novel by Danielle Steel
The Wedding Dress: A Novel by Danielle Steel
Friends and Strangers by Courtney Sullivan
The Lost and Found Bookshop: A Novel by Susan Wiggs
Her Last Flight: A Novel by Beatriz Williams

Non- Fiction

A Pilgrimage to Eternity: From Canterbury to Rome in Search of Faith by Timothy Egan
The Room Where It Happened: A White House Memoir by John Bolton

Audio Books

The Book of Longings: A Novel by Sue Monk Kidd
Easy Fiction
The Golden Egg Book by Margaret Wise Brown
The Day God Made You by Rory Lee Feek

DVDs

Emma
I Still Believe
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Blue Mt. Community Library

Located at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. Open: M, Th and Sat from 10-Noon and M, & Th from 6-8 PM. Visit the website at **www.bmcl.org** or call 610-863-3029 for information or to request books. Their Facebook page is **www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl.**

New Fiction

The Secret Guests -Benjamin Black
Recipe for a Perfect Wife - Karma Brown
Last Day- Luanne Rice
Dear Edward - Ann Napolitano
The Big Lie- James Grippando
The Other Mrs.-Mary Kubica
Lady Clementin - Marie Benedict
Behind Every Lie - Christina McDonald
The Vineyards of Champagne - Juliet Blackwell
Lies That Bind - Ashley Farley
Cold Heart Creek - Lisa Regan
When We Left Cuba - Chanel Cleeton
Spring House - Mary Ellen Taylor
Sisters By Choice - Susan Mallery
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek - Kim M. Richardson
An Everyday Hero - Laura Trentham
The Girl He Used to Know - Tracey Garvis Graves
The Fifth Column - Andrew Gross
The Other Bennet Sister-Janice Hadlow
A Reasonable Doubt-Phillip Margolin
The Red Lotus-Chris Bohjalian
Mercy House -Alena Dillon
Weather- Jenny Offill
Long Bright River-Liz Moore
The Favorite Daughter-Kaira Rouda
Twisted Fate-Dana Miller
The Grace Kelly Dress-Brenda Janowitz
The Sun Down Motel-Simone St. James
The Scent Keeper - Erica Bauermeister
In an Instant - Suznane Redfearn
Snow Creek-Gregg Olsen
Thief River Falls-Brian Freeman
Crooked River-Douglas Preston
The Boy from the Wood-Harlan Coben
The Beach House-Rachel Hanna
The Book of Lost Friends-Lisa Wingate
A Long Petal of the Sea-Isabel Allende
The Words I Never Wrote-Jane Thynne

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Crisis Text Line

Text 'PA' to 741741

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-8255

Preventing suicide in PA

preventsuicidepa.org/

Disaster Distress Helpline

800-985-5990

Get Help Now for substance use disorder

1-800-662-4357

Veterans in crisis

veteranscrisisline.net

PA's support helpline

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Coping with COVID-19 stress

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COVID-19 resources

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Avoiding Foggy Glasses for Mask Users

1. **Adjust the ties** or the ear loops so the mask fits snugly against your face. If the air is going out the top, you don't have your mask on correctly. Most of your breath should be going through the mask. If you feel the air going in or out around the mask, tighten the ties.
2. **Athletic tape** is also a possibilty, however, if you wear the same mask day after day, the tape may harm the mask.
3. **Soapy water.** A British surgeon published a paper in 2011 showing that washing your glasses with soapy water and letting them air dry can help. Soap acts as a surfactant — which stands for surface active agent — and the soapy water leaves behind a thin film that stops the water molecules from forming droplets that lead to fog.
4. **You can buy commercial anti-fogging wipes** and sprays, but it could get expensive. One brand, FogTech Dx, sells on Amazon for $30 for 20 wipes — or about $1.50 per wipe. One treatment is supposed to last for three to five days

Wipe and sprays may be difficult to buy right now. Some sites we went to suggested you that they are on back order. Other sources say it may 2-4 weeks to get them online. However, if you know someone who is an avis swimmer he or she may have some.

Talking and Breathing May Spread The virus

People resistant to social distancing may reconsider that thought after a prestigious scientific panel told the White House Wednesday night that research shows the coronavirus can be spread not just by sneezes or coughs, but also just by talking, or possibly even just breathing.

"While the current [coronavirus] specific research is limited, the results of available studies are consistent with aerosolization of virus from normal breathing," according to the letter, written by Dr. Harvey Fineberg, chairman of a committee with the National Academy of Sciences.

Fineberg said that he will start wearing a mask when he goes to the grocery store.

Several other experts are now talking about wearing masks every time you interact with the public during essential visits to places like your local grocery store or pharmacy.

Considering that people with no coronovirus symptoms at all can carry the virus, a simple conversation with someone like that could spread the virus to you if you are less than six feet apart.

Met-Ed Suspends Shut-offs

Effective immediately, Met-Ed is temporarily discontinuing power shutoffs for customers who are past due on their electric bills. FirstEnergy, Met-Ed's parent company, will continue to monitor the coronavirus response situation and adjust the shutoff policy in the future as circumstances develop.

Met-Ed encourages customers who are having difficulty paying their electric bill to contact its customer service department at 1-800-545-7741 to discuss customer assistance programs.

PPL Waives Late Fees

PPL Electric Utilities has waived all late payment fees and announced it will not cut service. PPL has several programs available to help customers having a hard time paying their bills:OnTrack offers a lower, fixed monthly bill and debt forgiveness for customers who make 150 percent of the poverty level or less. CARES can help customers experiencing a temporary hardship. Calling 1-800-358-6623

Public Service Announcements

Let Washington Township Fire Co. Decorate Your Yard

Washington Twp Vol Fire Co would like to decorate your yard with some patriotism and thanks to all our local essential workers, front liners and volunteers serving during this pandemic.

They are doing this as a 'no contact' fundraiser for their fire company. They have had to postpone and cancel some of their popular fundraiser events due to the COVID and this will help them tremendously while uplifting spirits in our communities.

You will be decorated within a few days of placing your order through JCC Screenprinting. The website will be up and running in the next few days. Online ordering will be running through the summer months. Memorial Day is this weekend. The Fourth of July. And don't forget Labor Day in September.

You can show your appreciation in this way by either displaying in your own yard or ordering for someone else's yard to say thanks.

Your $50 contribution to WTVFC will include one dozen American flags and also a double sided thank you sign with our logo that you keep.

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Weona Park Book

A Centennial book is being written to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Weona Park in Pen Argyl.

Anyone with fond memories or interesting stories should send them to Walt Cole at wrcole3@gmailcom This would include any information from your parents or grandparents. Perhaps a grandparent or great-grandparent helped to build the park, or worked on a WPA project during the Depression. Perhaps you worked at the park, were a life guard or had an interesting experience.

Stories about sporting events, swimming, or any activities would be of interest. They are also interested in pictures of family reunions, church gatherings or other organizations having picnics at the park. They are also looking for pictures of the clay tennis courts, the old miniature golf course, the band shell and events at the athletic field. Please check out those old photo albums for memories to share.

Celtic Cultural Scholarships

The Celtic Cultural Alliance (CCA) has announced that several scholarships will be awarded this year to students pursuing the study of Celtic dance, music, or art.

Please contact Marcie Mulligan, mmulligan@celticfest.org, for information related to either scholarship.

For more details about the scholarship programs and to download the applications, visit their webpage at the Celtic Classic which runs from September 25 through September 27, in downtown historic Bethlehem.

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WTVFC Farmers Market

Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company is looking for local farmers/greenhouses who sell; vegetables, fruits, meats, honey, flowers, etc. and who would like to set up a farm stand at the fire house on Saturdays and Sundays from 8am to 4pm rain or shine.

WTVFC is looking to help raise funds but also help our Farmers who are unable to sell at their usual Carnivals and Flea Markets.

Spots sizes are determined by the farmer and will cost $10 per day. All spots will be in a grassy area and must be cleaned up by the end of the day or the weekend. Multiple farmers per day are welcome, but spots will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Farmers are responsible for their own chairs, tables, coverings, etc. No electric, water, or other utilities will be provided or available. WTVFC is not responsible for any lost/stolen belongings, equipment, etc. that is left on the property overnight.

For additional info or to reserve a spot call Brett Morrison at 484-542-9517 or Aundrea Morrison at 610-984-7101 or email bdjm987@gamil.com

Tasty Tuesdays

Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 4th and Broadway in Bangor, offers a free bag lunch program to children, their families and anyone in the community this summer. Tasty Tuesdays begins on Tuesday, June 2 and runs thru mid August.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, lunches will contain non perishable food items and will be available for drive-up/walk-up pick up in the large church parking lot.

Each lunch contains water, juice, healthy snack bar, chips, fruit/fruit cup, and a choice of a main food item such as canned soup/tuna/pasta and more. Call the church at 610-588-2023 to register.

BASD Free Meals Program

Bangor Area School District continues to offer free breakfasts and lunches to students through July and August. Curb-side pick up remains 10-11:30am Monday-Thursday. Email meals@bangorsd.org to reserve.

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.

PPE Supplies For Pen Argyl

County Executive Lamont McClure and Northampton County has provided Pen Argyl Borough with some PPE supplies to distribute to non-profits and small businesses in the Borough to assist in the reopening process.

There is a limited supply, so they are first come, first serve. They have some masks, gloves, sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer. Call 610-863-1822 to request supplies and set up an appointment for pick up.

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The Jetsetters- Amanda Eyre Ward

New Large Print

The Fifth Avenue Story Society - Rachel Hauck
The Protective One - Shelley Shepard Gray
Smokescreen - Iris Johansen
When You See Me-Lisa Gardner
The Shape of Night-Tess Gerritsen
Fearless- Fern Michaels
One Little Lie-Colleen Coble
After Sundown-Linda Howard
The Operator-Gretchen Berg
A Conspiracy of Bones-Kathy Reichs
Camino Winds-John Grisham
The Trustworthy One- Shelley Shepard Gray
Someone Like You- Karen Kingsbury

Non-Fiction

The Garden State Parkway Murders -Christian Barth
Pearls of Wisdom- Barbara Bush
Hill Women- Cassie Chambers
The Splendid and the Vile- Erik Larson
High Achiever- Tiffany Jenkins
The Mamba Mentality- Kobe Bryant

Public Service Announcements

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.

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.

Former COVID 19 Patients Asked to Donate Plasma

Have you or do you know someone that has recovered from COVID 19? If so you can donate your plasma to help others with COVID 19. For more information call me at 570-449-586 or visit www.giveapint.org.

Big Time Information

Columbia Fire Co. decided that they will be open for business starting Wed. July 22nd through Saturday July 25th as well as possibly Sunday the 26th before the crowning of the Queen and the Procession.

They have implemented procedures that will follow the guidelines recommended by the CDC. They encourage everyone to come out and support them.

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Plainfield Reopening

Plainfield Township is participating in the Northampton County COVID-19 Reopening Readiness Program to help small businesses and non-profits reopen . A limited amount of surgical masks, wipes, hand sanitizer, and gloves are available at the Township for small businesses and non-profits located in the Township. Call the 610-759-6944 for more info or to schedule a time to pick up this PPE. All PPE supplies are available on a first-come, first-served basis until supplies run out.

Clothing for Qctoberfest

Since everyone is cleaning out their closets, etc. If you have pants or jeans (any size, even kids) with holes that are not repairable or even long sleeve shirts, please save them for Octoberfest (Bangor Park). They can use them for scarecrow making. (Even if they don't have the event this year, they will save them for next year)

Bangor Park Movie

The Bangor Park Board is hosting a Movie night featuring Trolls World Tour on Friday night, July 17 (rain date is July 18th). The movie starts at dusk, which is around 8:30 pm.

Seating will be on the large grassy area in front of the pool building and all family groups will need to be seated 6-feet apart from other family groups. If you want to attend but don't feel comfortable sitting on the grass, there will be 15 parking spaces available within view of the movie screen. Those spaces are by reservation only and need to be reserved in advance by emailing bangorparkboard@gmail.com

There is no charge for the movie but a suggested donation of $5 per car is much appreciated. Dinky's Ice Cream Parlor will be on site selling food and refreshments. More info: call or text at 610-751-7692

Slate Belt Area Happenings

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bottle, and practice social distancing. Registration is required in order to maintain small group sizes in accordance with the current health guidance. Register for community programs online Click Here.

September 5-7

Bangor Yard Sales

Get ready for the Bangor Borough town-wide yard sale taking place Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5-7! The Borough waives the yard sale permit and you have the opportunity to find some treasures and release your unused items to someone who can use them.

September 12

Bangor Car & Bike Show

Rev up your engines for plenty of prizes, trophies and fun for the entire family! The Bangor Car & Bike show and competition is back on Broadway in historic Bangor on Saturday, September 12 from 10am - 3pm (rain-date Sunday, September 13)..

Goody bag & tshirt pre-registration: Sign up your car or bike early and save $5 on the entry fee PLUS get a really cool goody bag & commemorative tshirt! Pre-registration is $10 by 6/12 at hbbapa.org. Pre-Registration does not reserve your spot in the show, but gets you a goody bag and tshirt. Goody bags and tshirts are limited to the first 50 pre-registrations.

Car & bike show competition entry: If you'd like to enter your vehicle in the competition, please arrive on September 12 to Main & Broadway between 8am and 9:45am to enter the competition. Be sure to bring your pre-registration form OR register day-of for $15.

Car & bike show sponsors: They are presently accepting prize and award sponsorship. Please visit https://www.hbbapa.org/car-show.html to download a form.

September 16

Hike for Health

Wednesday, J September 16, and October 14 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Join us after work for a hike with a St. Luke's University health professional! Get some exercise while learning about health and fitness outdoors. Each hike will include a presentation from a guest health professional on topics such as physical fitness, stretching, and nutrition. A different guest will hike with us each month, sharing a topic that they specialize in. We will hike at a brisk pace over uneven terrain for 2 to 2.5 miles guided by a center educator. Our guest will be available during the hike to discuss the topic of the day and answer your questions. This program is being provided in partnership with St. Luke's University Health Network and the Get Your Tail on the Trail initiative. Meet at the Visitor Center at 400

PA Hunting Licenses

The PA Game Commission announced hunting and fur-taking licenses are now available.

General hunting licenses and fur-taker licenses cost $20.90 each for Pennsylvania residents and $101.90 for nonresidents. Resident senior hunters and fur-takers, ages 65 and older, can purchase one-year licenses for $13.90, or lifetime licenses for $51.90. For $101.90, resident seniors can purchase lifetime combination licenses for hunting and fur-taking privileges. A change in state law permits big-game hunting on the following Sundays: Nov. 15, for archery deer hunting; Nov. 22, for bear hunting; and, Nov. 29, for deer hunting during regular firearms season.

For additional information visit www.pgc.pa.gov.

Don't Just Push Germs Around, Eliminate Them

Many cleaning tools give the impression that they are killing germs and cleaning your home when in reality they are simply spreading germs to other more hidden areas of your home. The only way to avoid this is by sanitizing these cleaning tools, such as mops, dusters, and dishrags between uses or they will continue to spread bacteria around your house. This issue often goes unnoticed, as some of the most sparkling clean homes can be saturated with bacteria while other

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Pen Argyl 'Green' Updates

- Weona Park: Will be open and be in a "Use at Your Own Risk" state. This will include basketball, playgrounds and skate park. Bathrooms are closed.
- Pavilions: Will remain closed at this time. Decision to be made July 7, 2020.
- Miniature Golf: Will remain closed at this time. Decision to be made July 7, 2020.
- Carousel: Will remain closed at this time. Decision to be made July 7, 2020.
- Community Center: Will remain closed at this time. Decision to be made July 7, 2020.
- Field Rentals: Will remain closed at this time. Decision to be made July 7, 2020
- Borough Office: Access will still be by appointment only. This will eliminate congestion in the lobby and protect staff and visitors. Masks required.
- Parking Meters: Will begin to be enforced on Monday, June 29, 2020.
- If you have a specific question please email the Borough at manager@penargylborough.com or call Borough Office at 610.863-4119.

Fire, Rescue, & EMS Grant

The registration window for the COVID-19 Fire, Rescue, and EMS Grant is open through August 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of this grant is to provide some much needed financial assistance to first responders who have found it difficult to keep their operations running due to COVID-19.

As stated in Act 26, the money must be used for operational and equipment expenses.

Grant Registration

To register, carefully review the grant guidance (PDF), then access the grant portal by following these instructions (PDF). Click Here

You will need the following information to complete the registration in order to receive these funds. You may already have these numbers, but if you do not, please see the link above to acquire the necessary numbers in preparation for this registration.

How to clean your phone

First and foremost, you will want to consult the website for the manufacturer of your phone or carrying case for any specific instructions that they might have in order to avoid damaging your device or case.

Many manufacturers, including Apple, have provided recommendations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While specific instructions may vary depending on your device, Apple advises the following :

- **Use only a soft, lint-free cloth.**
- **Avoid excessive wiping.**
- **Unplug all power sources, devices, and cables.**
- **Keep liquids away from your device.**
- **Don't allow moisture to get into any openings.**
- **Avoid aerosol sprays, bleaches, and abrasives.**
- **Avoid spraying cleaners directly onto your device.**
- **Apple is recommending the use of 70 percent isopropyl alcohol wipes or Clorox Disinfecting Wipes to wipe down any hard, nonporous surfaces.**

However, they say you should avoid using them on leather or fabric to prevent damage. According to Dr. Donald W. Schaffner, extension specialist in food science and distinguished professor at Rutgers University, these are "fairly gentle disinfectants."

However, you should avoid using chlorine bleach, according to Schaffner. This could damage your phone. Westenberg further suggested that keeping your phone in a sealed case will make it easier to wipe it down with disinfectant wipes.

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Bangor Slater Face Masks

The BAHS Alumni Association is selling face masks with the Slater logo for $9.98 each. There are three Slater logos to choose from. See below.

These masks have two breathable cotton/poly layers underneath making for a triple layer mask. There is also an inside pocket for a filter. Ear straps are adjustable and an additional head strap is available for purchase if you do not want to use the ear straps.

The masks come in Small, which fits most youth ages 1-6, Medium, which fits older children through small adults, and Large, which fits most teenagers and adults.

The masks can be bought online directly from the vendor and will be shipped to your address for a $4.95 shipping fee, which covers all masks coming to the same address.

Visit this website to order and pay online: https://basdmask2020.itemorder.com/ The website will close on July 26. When it is closed, the masks will be produced and sent directly to you in approximately four weeks. Proceeds go to the BAHS Alumni Association and will be used for their scholarship and awards programs.

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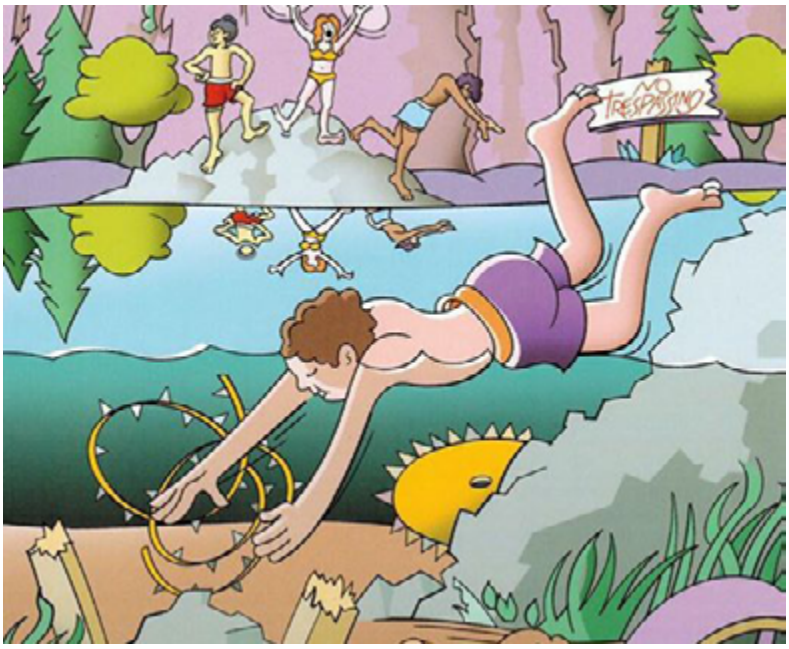
Quarry Holes Filled With Water and Hidden Dangers

During hot weather some quarry lakes look inviting, but there many hidden dangers: deep water, cold water, submerged abandoned machinery and car wrecks, underwater ledges and recesses, hidden currents and tunnels, submerged plants, dead animals and excrement, rubbish, pollution and dangerous algae.

The greatest danger is cold water which is much colder than rivers, lakes and the sea. Many quarries are so deep that they are fed with water from underground springs or aquifers. This water originates deep within the ground, and is extremely cold. You are likely to become exhausted much more quickly than you would think. In addition to this, a sudden plunge into cold water could cause your body to go into "shock".

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