

## PFT COVID-19 Update 4-13-20: Unemployment \$ - AFT Town Hall Info - Less Covid Mail - Colfax vid - links

# CORONAVIRUS



## Updates

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### **CARE Act Additional Funds To Be Available This Week For Eligible Unemployment Claimants.**

Governor Wolf announced late last week that the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) is implementing new federal unemployment compensation benefits provided by the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#).

The COVID-19 relief package temporarily provides an additional \$600 per week, makes self-employed, independent contractors and gig workers eligible for benefits and extends unemployment compensation (UC) benefits for an additional 13 weeks.

[Please click here for the full story from the Governor's website.](#)

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### **AFT's Weekly Tele Town Hall Is At 5:45 PM on Tuesday, April 14th.**

Each week, AFT is tackling a current issue with weekly tele-town halls. This week, feel free to join in on the **discussion with the National PTA**, sponsored by Carnegie Corporation of New York, talking about **strategies for parents and teachers grappling with COVID-19 stress**.

In addition to Nathan Monell, Executive Director of the National PTA, we'll hear from Dr. Pamela Cantor, founder and senior science advisor of Turnaround for Children, and Arthur Evans, Ph.D., CEO of the American Psychological Association. And we'll have a parent and an educator highlighting some practices they've deployed to support students during this time.

[Click here to sign up for this week's event](#), and to receive information on weekly topics.

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### **PFT Coronavirus Updates Will Be Less Frequent Moving Forward.**

We know this has been an information-rich time that can be a little overwhelming with all we are being tasked to do, especially as you move back into daily teaching tasks ... As such, PFT COVID-19 updates will be shared weekly on Wednesdays so as to respect the amount and frequency of relevant email we share with members.

We will keep on sharing school videos each week--and perhaps add a video to the Tuesday News Blast or within Nina's Notes as well.

\*\* Missed an update or message? [View our archive of COVID-19 Updates here.](#)

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## Colfax Chimes In With Memorable Missing You Video ...



Multiple songs and memorable messages seen above from Colfax (**Brittany McCann and Lorena Mitchell, Building Reps**)--look for future shares from **Sunnyside, PEA, Phillips K-5, Morrow, Schiller, South Hills Middle, Westwood...**

Continue to share inspiring school messages with us, and we'll do our level best to share with PFT members! **Send youtube links to [dan\\_evans@pft400.org](mailto:dan_evans@pft400.org).**

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## Information Links That Bear Repeating:

Below please find additional links providing helpful information you can bookmark and count on as the COVID-19 situation changes and evolves. *It will do so daily.*

[AFT/AFTPA Coronavirus Resources & Updates for Members](#)

[AFT/PFT Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#) A Negotiated, Free Benefit to Members

[Click for EAP Information Flyer](#)

[Click for Life Skills Solutions Website](#) (*login upper right*)

[National Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) Coronavirus Resources](#)

[PPS Coronavirus Resources and Links](#)

[PA Department of Health Coronavirus Resources](#)

[PA-Specific Resources from Senator Casey](#)

[Student Debt Relief Resources](#)



## Coronavirus Self-Checker

A guide to help you make decisions and seek appropriate medical care

[Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Rumor Control](#)

[Allegheny County Health Department Rumor Control](#)

**Please keep in touch—keep sharing your ideas, your questions and your concerns.**

**In solidarity—**

**Nina Esposito-Visgitis**

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