

## PFT COVID-19 Update 5-20-20: AFT Webinar- Resources- Census- Crescent Vid-links

# CORONAVIRUS Updates

### AFT COVID Webinar Worth Professional Development Credit: Today!

PFT members are AFT members—meaning you have access to a wealth of resources and opportunity through the national union that we feel compelled to share with you—and not just under the duress of a pandemic. See below!



**Today at 3:30 PM for PD Credit \*\***  
*(or view remotely at your leisure).*

School is so much more than curriculum and instruction! Connect with AFT members and specialized instructional support providers (SISPs) to learn and share strategies for meeting ethics and equity challenges during

the COVID-19 pandemic with speech, nursing, social work, psychology, therapy and more.

**\*\* Check with the school district in advance to ensure that the PD credit is accepted.**

[Click here to register now.](#)

*REMINDER: If you can't make the webinar, register anyway! We'll send you a link to access the webinar on demand so you can watch when it best suits your schedule.*

*You will be eligible to receive one hour of professional development credit for participation in this webinar if you complete all the poll questions, survey, and actively watch the webinar. At the conclusion of each session, you will be able to download a certificate that verifies you completed the webinar.*

## Speaking of Resources ... AFT's Comprehensive Resource Pages Continue to Grow.

We have been – and continue to be – inundated with so much information from so many sources, it's refreshing to have a “one stop shop” specifically tailored to the concerns, questions and issues related to educators and schools.

It's a union advantage that is your advantage, and we hope you make full use of [the resources available to you through our national union](#).

*(And if you missed yesterday's AFT/PFT/District tele-town hall—stay tuned—we'll have the recording of the event available soon!)*

**COVID-19 Information and resources**

**Nurses and health professionals**  
Get information about what nurses and health professionals can do to safeguard against the virus.

**Educators and school support staff**  
What teachers, paraprofessionals, school nurses and substitutes can do to safeguard against the virus.

**Higher education faculty and staff**  
Now is a good time for higher education institutions to review and evaluate their current infection control practices.

**Public employees**  
Recommendations for infection control, and site specific facility planning and preparation.

**Share My Lesson**  
Remote learning and lesson plans for educators, school support staff & parents

## What Does The Census Have To Do With COVID-19?

Consider for a moment that local, state and national budgets have been thrown into an unprecedented state of disarray with unemployment levels not seen since the Great Depression.

And though we all hope this is temporary state of affairs, one thing remains absolutely certain about the way resources will be allocated, funding will be determined, and congressional representation will be apportioned in 2020 and for 10 years after:

### The 2020 United States Census.

**CENSUS 2020**  
**Every Person Counts!**

**The Census Helps to Determine**

- Essential **PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING**
- **TRANSPORTATION** & Highway Funding
- Fair Congressional **REPRESENTATION**

**The Census is Vital to Fully Funding**  
**Head Start** Programs **Section 8** Housing  
**CHIP** Children's **Health Insurance** Program  
**Title 1** Schools **SNAP** Benefits **Special** Education

Your Information is **Completely CONFIDENTIAL**  
and **PROTECTED** by UNITED STATES LAW.

**BE SURE to Complete CENSUS 2020**  
**On-Line ... by Mail ... or in Person.**  
Learn more at [census.gov](https://census.gov)

Currently, Allegheny County slightly outpaces PA with a 66.1% response rate (*state response is currently 62.6%*). **We absolutely MUST do better!** Every person living here must be counted to make a measurable difference when it comes to education funding, infrastructure and human services allocations, and accurate, fair congressional representation.

### *Did we mention education funding?*

Every person means everyone—your responses on a mail-in Census form or when you complete the Census on-line are COMPLETELY confidential and protected by U.S. law. **This is about counting people**

**—plain and simple—not citizenship status!**

[Click here to fill out \(or share the link\) for the 2020 Census.](#)

[Click here to track Census response progress across the country, state or locally.](#)

100% participation is one certain thing we can all do during uncertain times to help safeguard our region's future.

## Another School Heard From In A Memorable Way.

We conclude our current batch of wonderful video submissions from schools with a Facebook video from Crescent (**Cleo Harris, Building Representative**)—our **23rd video shared since we moved to distance learning**. The song fits, because we *do* all need ... somebody to lean on.



[click to play on Facebook](#)

Continue to share inspiring school messages and stories 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).

\*\* PFT Coronavirus Updates Now Every Wednesday. \*\*

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

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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.

[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.

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**In solidarity—  
Nina Esposito-Visgitis**

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