

PFT COVID-19 Update 6-3-20: Reducing mail- Green Phase- Covid Labor Event- Census- Bluesday- links

CORONAVIRUS



Updates

PFT COVID-19 Update Moves To “As Needed” Schedule.

The coronavirus is not behind us. But with so much happening nationwide, an election year taking off this summer and frantic planning and preparation for reopening, we’ve decided to change our weekly PFT Covid-19 update into a communication that happens on an as-needed basis.

Covid-specific communications will still carry the **PFT COVID-19 Update** identifier in the email subject line—you can rest assured as news becomes urgent or timely, we will share that information with membership.

[All PFT Covid-19 updates have been archived here.](#)

Allegheny County Moving To Green Phase On June 5th.

As part of his order switching our county from yellow to green, Governor Wolf elaborated on the reopening process for green phase counties and guidance on outdoor dining in yellow counties, dining in green counties, and professional sports in yellow counties.

[Read the complete update here, and still be safe out there!](#)

LABOR SCHOOL at Penn State Offers Summer Union Seminar.

One of the premier sources of intensive Labor Education throughout Pennsylvania is offering a free event and discussion in July relating to COVID-19 and its impact on workers and communities.

Pennsylvania at the Crossroads Building a Workers' Agenda During COVID-19

Jointly sponsored by the LABOR School and the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO, this event will feature two panels and a discussion addressing the following questions: What are the economic challenges facing our state budget and the public services we rely on? How are workers organizing for more power during the pandemic? How we can use this crisis to advance a bold agenda for working people?

DATE: Thursday, July 9 2020

2:30–3:30 p.m. Budget and Policy Choices During COVID-19:

-- The Impacts on Workers and Communities in Pennsylvania

3:30–3:45 p.m. *Break*

3:45–4:30 p.m. Building Worker Power During a Pandemic

-- Organizing for the Future

4:30–5:00 p.m. Forum Discussion

This event is free, but preregistration is required. [Click here to register.](#)

Census Participation Means Education, Infrastructure, Representation and More.

With Pennsylvania facing a multi-billion dollar state budget shortfall, the 2020 Census is now even more critical to the well being of all Pennsylvanians. The entire nation will be competing for Federal dollars—funding, resources and representation that is proportionally allocated using Census figures.

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.

Solidarity Images From Yesterday's Bluesday



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](#)

Thank you for the collage, Roosevelt! Plus new specs for **Sarah Mueller (Alderdice/E-board)**, and **Katie Brandt (Roosevelt)** represented by canine proxy!



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

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

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.

** PFT Coronavirus Updates Released Periodically **

[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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