

PFT COVID-19 Update 7-8-20: PA Dashboard- HEROES Action- Federal Funding- Mask PSA- links

# CORONA VIRUS

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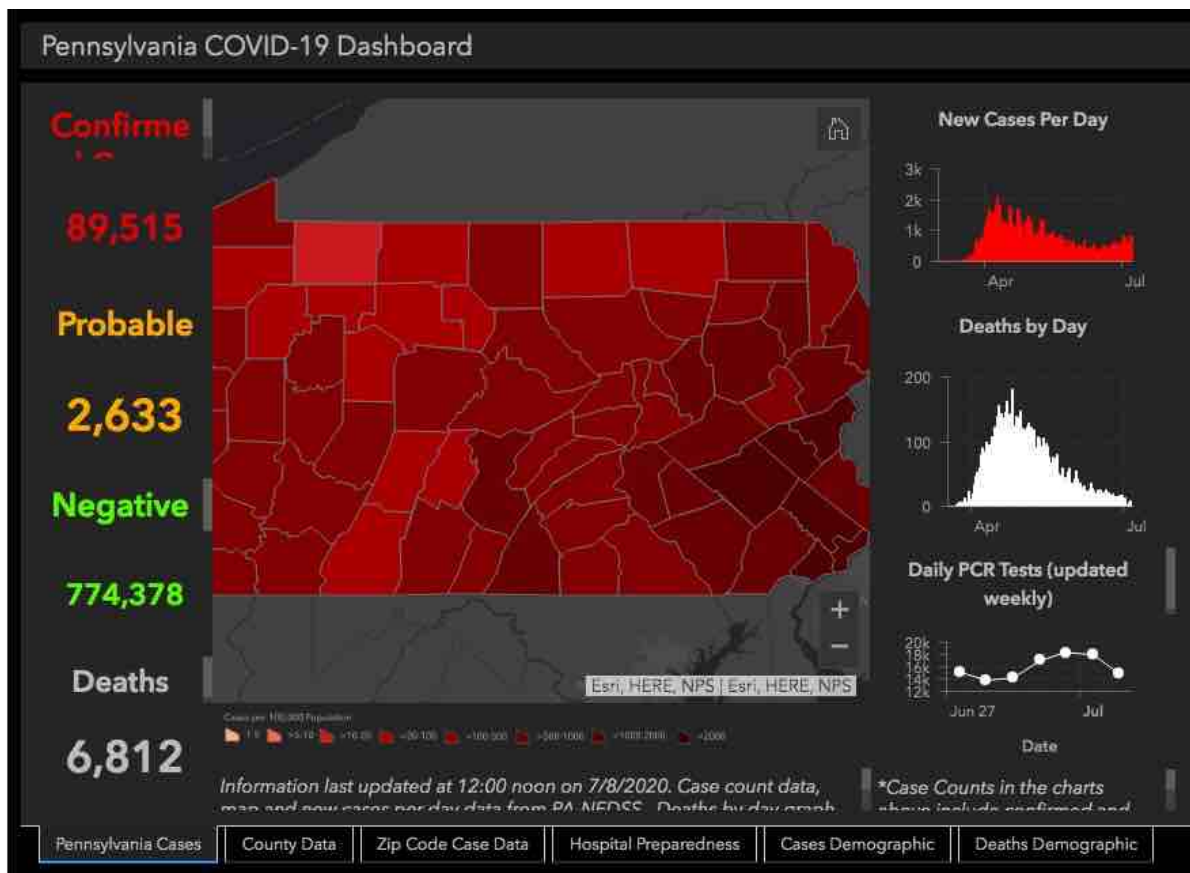
## Updates

### **PA COVID-19 Dashboard Tracks Statistics And Surges Statewide.**

From week to week we've tried to provide information-based assessments of the COVID-19 pandemic for our members. Last week we shared a national perspective on increased activity through the [CDC's national case tracker](#).

This week we're sharing a tool from Governor Wolf's website that specifically regionalizes the national figures. This real-time dashboard provides interactive COVID tracking on a statewide or county basis with new statistical information across a wide range of search parameters including: county-by-county or zip code tracking, numbers of fatalities, numbers of cases and demographics of people afflicted by the virus.

[Click here to view the PA State COVID Dashboard](#)



## Today Is Still A Day Of Action For The HEROES Act.

There's still time to call, write, share or post information from the resources below regarding the HEROES Act (*Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions*) which provides funding for reopening schools, colleges and communities safely, including measures to protect against the spread of COVID-19, money to ensure schools have what they need to educate all students, and resources to remedy racial inequities.

See below for countless ways to be heard. *There's too much at stake and time is running out.*

\*\* [Click here for a straightforward video message](#) you can share about what is really riding on the HEROES Act.

\*\* Learn more about the HEROES act, what it does, and how you can make a difference:  
AFT HEROES Act Toolkit: [https://www.aft.org/heroesact?link\\_id=2](https://www.aft.org/heroesact?link_id=2)

\*\* [Write To Your Senator Here.](#)

\*\* [Find Your Representative Here.](#)

## To The Above Point: Schools Want To Reopen Safely. Without Federal Funds, Many Worry They Can't.

With their budgets decimated by the economic downturn, many school districts are wondering how they will pay for costly new cleaning procedures, health screenings and other safety measures for those reentering their schools for the first time since the pandemic shuttered them.

Democratic Sens. Patty Murray of Washington and Chuck Schumer of New York on Tuesday introduced a \$430 billion coronavirus relief bill for child care and education, \$175 billion of which would go to K-12 schools.

[Read more at NBC News...](#)

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## Public Service Announcement From New York City Makes A “Horrific” Point.

There’s a lot of noise and cross-talk out there that can hide the most simple and direct recommendations for helping mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Please take a moment to view an announcement that adds ironic humor to a serious point made by a scary movie legend.



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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](#)

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**\*\* PFT Coronavirus Updates Released Periodically \*\***

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

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

**In solidarity—**

**Nina Esposito-Visgitis**

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