

PFT COVID-19 Update 9-23-20: Testing Sites- Contact Tracing App- Pitt News- Flu-v-Covid- links

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Updates

Coronavirus Testing Locations Open Up County Wide.

Think you may have contracted coronavirus, or did you recently return from a hotspot?

There are locations across western Pennsylvania where you can get tested to find out whether you have the virus. Click the image or link below to search for locations nearest you.



[Find the interactive map at Health.pa.gov](https://www.health.pa.gov)

(Scroll to mid page for map).

People who believe they need to be tested should contact their primary care provider to discuss whether testing is appropriate.

PA Launches COVID-19 Contact Tracing App.

Pennsylvania has officially launched the state-wide coronavirus contact-tracing application. Click [COVID Alert PA](#) to visit the page and download the app.

People who download the app can customize and receive automatic notifications about potential coronavirus exposures, but it will only work for app users who have been in close contact with other app users who have tested positive, and reported the result.

That means the application succeeds or fails based on the number of people who use it. Developers insist your identity and personal information are not an integral part of the information being shared by the application:

- The app detects if users are in close contact with another app user, using Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) technology. It is the same technology that your phone uses to connect to wireless headphones or your car.
- The app does not use GPS, location services, or any movement or geographical information.
- The app will never collect, transmit, or store your personal information and is completely anonymous.



[Complete security information is available on the COVID Alert PA page.](#)

Potential Covid-19 Antibody Detection & Therapeutic Treatment Under Development at Pitt.

University of Pittsburgh scientists have found a medicine they believe can limit the spread of COVID-19. They plan to start testing it on humans next year, as explained in a [recent Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Article \(click to read\)](#). While not a cure or vaccine, the development could become a vital therapeutic in the ongoing battle against coronavirus.

Be Mindful of Flu – vs – COVID Symptoms.

Influenza (Flu) and COVID-19 are both contagious respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by different viruses.

COVID-19 is caused by infection with a new coronavirus (called SARS-CoV-2) and flu is caused by infection with [influenza viruses](#). Because some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, it may be hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone, and testing may be needed to help confirm a diagnosis.

Flu and COVID-19 share many characteristics, but there are some key differences between the two. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Use the links below if you need your flu vaccination for the year—due to social distancing constraints, the PFT will not be hosting a vaccination clinic this fall.

[Downtown clinic open for flu vaccines](#)
[Article on finding flu vaccines in your area](#)

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](#)

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



Coronavirus Self-Checker

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

** PFT Coronavirus Updates Released Periodically As Needed **

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—

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