PFT COVID-19 Update 10-7-20: Realities - Testing Sites - Tracing App Info - Resources/links

Sobering Realities At Home And Abroad.

From the outbreak of Covid-19 currently spreading throughout the administration in Washington D.C., to an unsettling potential global infection rate and a statistical reality that can't be ignored—it is clear that the coronavirus has no intention of slowing down or going away anytime soon.

Please take a moment to review the following articles to gain a fuller perspective on the ongoing challenges this novel virus represents.

- **What is a superspreader event and how might the White House have inadvertently held one last week**? (*USA Today*)
- **W.H.O.: 10% of world's people may have been infected with virus** (*Associated Press*)
- **More people have died from Covid-19 than in the past 5 flu seasons combined**. (*CNN*) *

  * *U.S. Statistics -- US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

Coronavirus Testing Locations Open County Wide.

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

Find the interactive map at Health.pa.gov (*at this link, scroll down to above the footer at the bottom of the page for a map*).

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

PA Covid Tracing App Reports Over 250,000 App Users Since Launch. **

Pennsylvania's state-wide Covid-19 contact tracing app has been up and running for a little over two weeks, exceeding early number-of-download projections. The phone-based interactive tracking application provides users with automatic notifications about potential coronavirus exposures.

The caveat is, the app will only work for app users who have been in close contact with other app users who have tested positive and report 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. Click **COVID Alert PA** to visit the page and download the app—and to learn more about the safeguards in place to protect users identity and information.

For a detailed snapshot of our state's fight against the Coronavirus, **click here to visit the PA Department of Health's Covid Dashboard**.

  ** COVID Alert PA app dashboard statistics as of 10-7-20.

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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