

PFT COVID Update 1-20-21: 5 Good Reasons - Vaccine Town Hall - Immunity - links

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Updates

5 Reasons To Get The Vaccine Through PPS and UPMC.

The opportunity for every PPS employee to receive the COVID-19 vaccine is currently in development. The District is implementing a vaccination program for PPS in partnership with the Allegheny County Health Department, UPMC, and UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh—that's why it's so important to keep reading District communications pertaining to the vaccine—including the brief survey sent District-wide yesterday.

Here are 5 reasons to pay close attention—and plan on getting the vaccine:

1. COVID-19 vaccination will help keep you from getting COVID-19.

- All COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States have been shown to be highly effective at preventing COVID-19. [Learn more about the different COVID-19 vaccines.](#)

2. COVID-19 vaccination will be an important tool to help stop the pandemic.

- The combination of getting vaccinated and following CDC's recommendations [to protect yourself and others](#) will offer the best protection from COVID-19.

3. The COVID-19 vaccines have proven to be overwhelmingly safe in clinical trial.

- Clinical trials for all vaccines must first show they meet rigorous criteria for safety and effectiveness before any vaccine, including COVID-19 vaccines, can be authorized or approved for use. Learn more about [how federal partners are ensuring the safety of COVID-19 vaccines in the United States.](#)

4. As a PFT Member and District employee, you are eligible for the statewide Phase 1B COVID-19 vaccination in Allegheny County.

- Please check the email you receive from the district (yesterday) for the subject line: *COVID Vaccine Phase 1B Interest Survey*. Within that email you will find an important survey about COVID-19 vaccination that will help the District and district partners **procure vaccinations expeditiously**. Survey responses are due at the end of the day today.

5. Remember: COVID 19 vaccines help to protect you, and help to protect the person working next to you, the students in your school, the people in your community, etc.

- Vaccination—combined with vigilance about social distancing, mask-wearing, hand-washing and limited gatherings until at LEAST a sizable majority of Americans get their own doses—is our best path toward eventually putting the pandemic behind us.

[Click here to visit the FAQ page from PPS vaccination partner UPMC.](#)

And don't forget to keep a close eye on emails from the District.

Vaccine Tele-Town Hall With UPMC Thursday January 21 at 5:00 pm.

Don't forget—there will be a UPMC COVID-19 Vaccine Town Hall on Thursday, January 21st from 5:00 - 5:45 pm. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about the virus, vaccine, and ask questions.



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TOMORROW AT 5 PM EST - 5:45 PM EST

COVID-19 Vaccine | UPMC Tele-Town Hall

Free · Online Event

[Click here for the event information listed on Facebook](#)—the dial in number is included.

Yes. You Should Still Wear A Mask & Avoid Crowds After Full Vaccination.

While it might initially seem counterintuitive—there are numerous reasons to continue “stop the spread” mitigation efforts even after you’ve received your full compliment of COVID-19 vaccine.

[This article from NPR takes a deeper dive](#) into just how long it takes to achieve full protection once inoculated, and provides you with the latest on why even fully vaccinated individuals may still be able to spread the virus to others.

The point is, we’re trying our level best to base our decisions on known science—science that evolves as time and trial wear on.

[REMINDER: All PFT Coronavirus E-mails Are Archived 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.

[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*)

[AFT Share My Lesson Stress Management Resources](#) (*searchable*)

[Download the PA COVID-Alert Tracking App](#)

[National Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) Coronavirus Resources](#)

[CDC Vaccine Information Landing Page](#)

[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 Testing Locations \(view interactive map mid page\)](#)



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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