
CORONA VIRUS

Updates

Pennsylvania Mask Mandate Poised To End in June.

State Approaching 70% Vaccination Milestone.

According to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Pennsylvania will be just a half a percentage point shy of hitting 70% of adults with at least one dose of a Covid vaccine by the end of June or before — that's 7,060,291 adults 18 and older.

If everyone who currently has just one dose returns for their second shot, then 69.5% of Pennsylvanians will be fully covered. Currently, these recipients are scheduled to have dose number 2 no later than the end of June—notable because Governor Tom Wolf has stated the state's mask mandate would be lifted when we hit 70% full vaccination.

These figures do not include statistics from the recently-added 12 – 16 year old vaccine eligibility group.

For a full accounting of our state's progress in vaccination and currently falling rates of both cases and deaths, [check out this article from the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*.](#)

Nationally, Vaccination Rate Approaches 50%.

Overall, 49.4% of the US population age 12 and above has received at least one shot and 39.3% of the US population age 12 and above is fully vaccinated—a milestone that puts America possibly on track for the 70% full vaccination needed to potentially achieve herd immunity.

In addition, at least 25 states, plus Washington, DC, have now fully vaccinated at least half of their adult residents, CDC data shows.

Read the [full article at CNN.com](#), and be sure to visit and bookmark the [CDC vaccination data tracker](#) for updated information daily.

Clouds Remain On The Horizon For The Unvaccinated.

While the above information holds promise that is being proven across the country in the form of declining cases and Covid-related deaths, it is vital to note that cases and fatalities remain at or near the levels our nation saw when we first went into uneven lockdowns across the country in March of 2020.

But one group is still seeing higher than average rates of Covid-19 cases and deaths: the unvaccinated.

[This article from research firm Advisory Board](#) spells it out in plain detail—the high risk/at risk community that remains are those hesitant or unwilling to be vaccinated.

Speaking of Vaccinations ...

** For a searchable index of vaccine providers, please visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/search/> (a new resource launched in May).

** [Click here to view When You've Been Fully Vaccinated](#) - How to Protect Yourself and Others—From the CDC.

** [Click here to view Interim Public Health Recommendations](#) for Fully Vaccinated People.

Vaccine News Got You Stressed?

Reminder: Free Yoga Class This Saturday @ 9:00 AM!

Use the special link and password below to sign in for a Zoom studio Yoga class on Saturday, **May 29th at 9:00 AM!** No need to register--just show up! Courtesy of [Enhance Yoga Classes](#).

Join Zoom Studio Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89998434033?pwd=dzg1OGRKV1NsS2pVaG5VM1ZjdWVkJZ09>

Meeting ID: 899 9843 4033

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](#)

[Find a Vaccine Provider Near You](#)

[AFT/PFT Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#)

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[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 Data Tracking Page](#)

[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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