

# CORONAVIRUS



## Updates

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Dear Dan:

### **Get Vaccinated—That’s Pretty Much The Answer.**

The PFT Coronavirus Update will be published on an as-needed basis throughout the upcoming summer—because for the time being, we know what we need to know to most effectively combat this virus and mitigate Covid-19 restrictions and shutdowns:

#### **Get vaccinated if you are able and eligible.**

The vaccines work remarkably well and are effective in preventing or minimizing Covid-19 in a vast majority of individuals from all age groups and backgrounds.

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To achieve a level of herd immunity, we need 70% of America to have at least one dose of vaccine. We’re not there yet as a nation—as of today just over half of adult Americans (51%) have received at least 1 dose with just over 42% being fully vaccinated. [Click here for statistics.](#)

There’s not much more we can share with you than we already have—please get vaccinated, and use our resources at the bottom to address any concerns or questions you may have.

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### **Fauci Warns of Delta Variant, Urges Full Vaccination.**

There’s a new Covid variant making its presence felt in the United States, and if Europe is any indication, the “Delta Variant” carries with it increased risks of infection and hospitalization, according to Dr. Anthony Fauci.

The variant has quickly become the dominant strain in the United Kingdom—something Fauci would like to see prevented in the United States through a continued aggressive campaign of full vaccination for all eligible Americans.

[Read the brief but pointed story on NPR.org.](#)

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### **Vaccine Incentives.**

Incredibly, the promise of lifted restrictions and significant protection from a virus that's already sickened over 30 million people in our country and taken the lives of over 600,000 Americans just isn't enough motivation for some people.

*The Philadelphia Inquirer* takes a look at vaccine incentive programs across the country, and links to key information about steadily declining vaccination numbers nationwide--and the growing danger they may represent.

[Click here to read the entire article.](#)

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### **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.

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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](#)

[Find a Vaccine Provider Near You](#)

[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 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

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**\*\* 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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