

PFT COVID Update 10-6-21: Covid Mythbusting - AFT Hits 90% - Understanding Delta - links

CORONAVIRUS

Updates

Facts to Remember When Speaking with Hard to Reach Audiences.

Judging by vaccination rates (*see next article*), AFT members have generally been well ahead of the curve throughout the entirety of the national pandemic. That's why it's so important to be ready with disinformation-busting facts and figures that help to dispel common misconceptions about the Coronavirus — particularly vaccination.



There's no telling if (or when) you will need this, but the AFT has published a "Vaccine Mythbusting" document that's essential to fighting the ever-growing sea of disinformation out there.

[Click here to view, download or share the document.](#)

AFT Poll Reveals 90% of Member Educators Vaccinated.

A Hart Research Associates study shows that approximately 90% of AFT members have been fully vaccinated, with over 70 percent supporting a policy that either requires vaccines or weekly testing. [Click here to read the press release and link to the study.](#)

The AFT has remained at the forefront of Coronavirus response — with vaccination, as well as with the education and advocacy necessary to make informed decisions since the pandemic began in late February of 2020.

Only two months after that fateful beginning, the AFT published A PLAN TO SAFELY REOPEN AMERICA'S SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES. It's worth a look back [at that first plan seen here](#), to see how far ahead of this challenge our union has been throughout this national crisis.

Five Facts About The Delta Variant.

Last month Yale Medicine updated its June 20th story about the Delta Variant — [summarizing its findings in a plainly written article](#) that expands upon these five truths about Delta:

1. Delta is more contagious than the other virus strains.
2. Unvaccinated people are at risk.
3. Delta could lead to 'hyperlocal outbreaks.'
4. There is still more to learn about Delta.
5. Vaccination is the best protection against Delta.

With other variants now taking hold in different countries, what we do now to understand and mitigate the dominant strain of Covid-19 in America could go a long way in determining what remains to be done if—and likely when—a new variant emerges.

[Click here to read the story.](#)

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](#) *(includes login info)*

[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—
Dan Evans
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