



INFORMATION DASHBOARD

ALLEGHENY COUNTY EOC STATUS	
Level 3 (Steady State)	

MUNICIPAL-LEVEL EMA STATUS	
Municipal Declarations	55
Municipal EOC's Open (of 130 Municipalities)	0

COMMUNITY LIFELINES

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COVID-19 CASE COUNTS			
	Last Week	This Week	Change
Cumulative Cases	99,160	100,201	↑ 1,041
Cumulative Hospitalizations	6,877	6,991	↑ 114
Positivity Rate (PCR) 7-Day Moving Average	5.7%	4.9%	↓ 0.8 %
Cumulative Deaths	1,905	1,920	↑ 15
Estimated Recoveries	94,521	96,140	↑ 1,619
Current COVID-19 Hospitalizations	159	138	↓ 21
Current COVID-19 ICU Usage (Adults)	50	47	↓ 3
Current COVID-19 Ventilator Usage	26	32	↑ 6

Sources: ACHD (<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/resources/COVID-19/Covid-19.aspx>) & PA DOH (<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/ed2def13f9b045eda9f7d22dbc9b500e>)

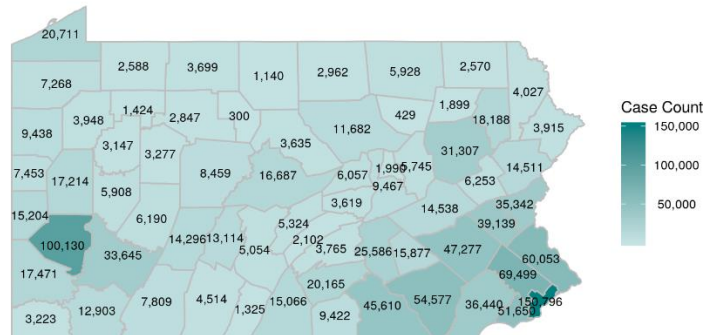
PA DOH COVID-19 EARLY WARNING MONITORING			
	Previous 7 Days	Most Recent 7 Days	Change
Newly reported confirmed cases	1,081	774	↓ 307
Incident rate per 100,000 residents	88.9	63.6	↓ 25.3
PCR testing positivity rate	6.2 %	5.0 %	↓ 1.2 %
Average daily COVID-19 specific hospitalizations	190.1	157.4	↓ 32.7
Average daily COVID-19 patients on ventilators	32.6	28.4	↓ 4.2
Percent of hospital ER visits due to COVID-like illness	0.5 %	0.5 %	No Δ

Source: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Monitoring-Dashboard.aspx>

ALLEGHENY COUNTY VACCINE DISTRIBUTION	
Partially Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated
205,074	506,691 (+38,862)

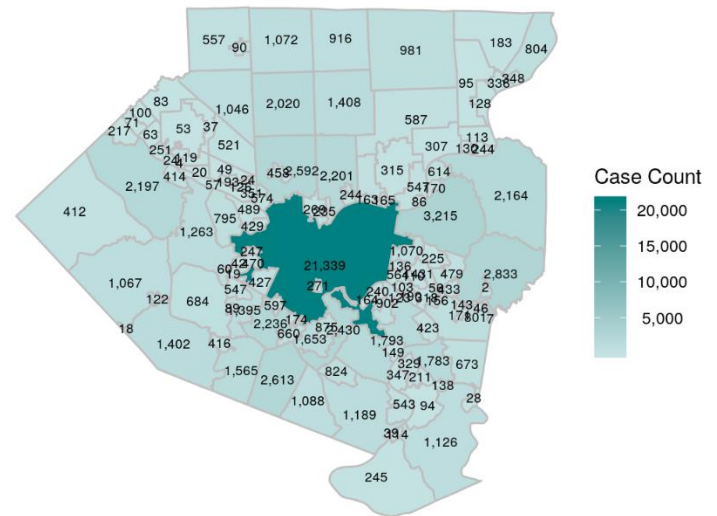
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Pennsylvania Confirmed Cases by County
As of: 5/16/21



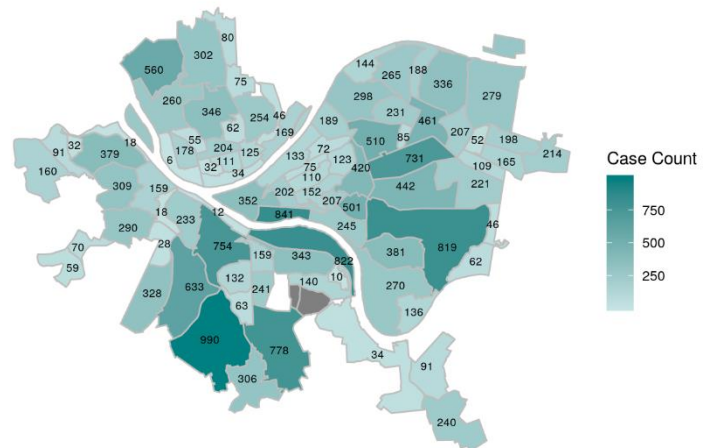
Source: Johns Hopkins Univ.

Allegheny Co. Confirmed Cases by Municipality
As of: 5/16/21
Unknown Region: 1747



Source: Allegheny County Health Dept.

City of Pittsburgh Confirmed Cases by Neighborhood
As of: 5/16/21

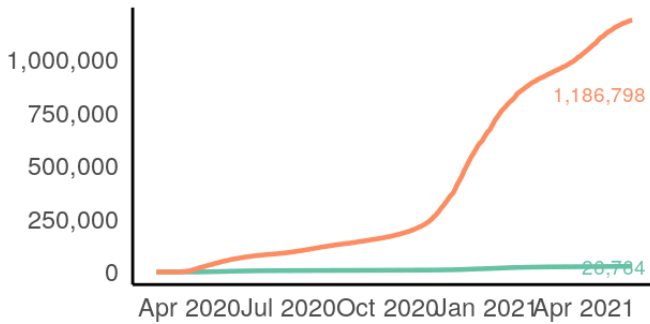


Source: Allegheny County Health Dept.

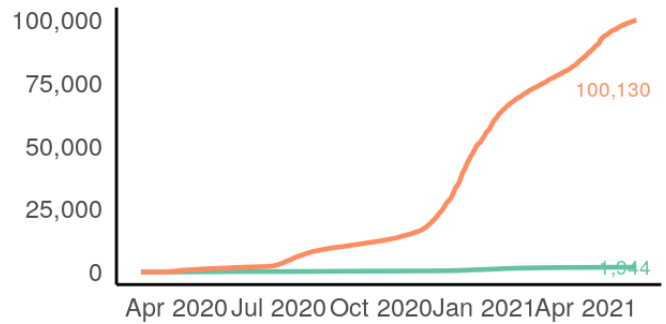


Timeseries Data:

Pennsylvania
Cumulative Cases and Deaths

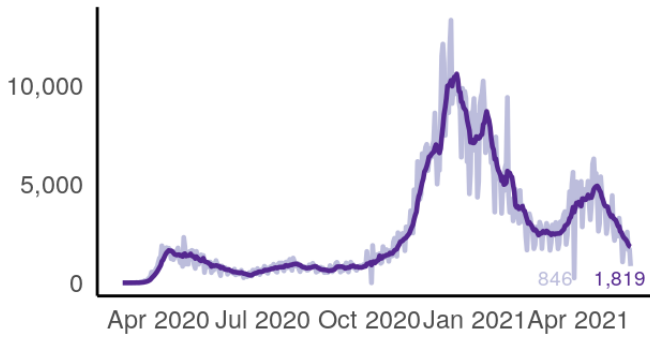


Allegheny County
Cumulative Cases and Deaths

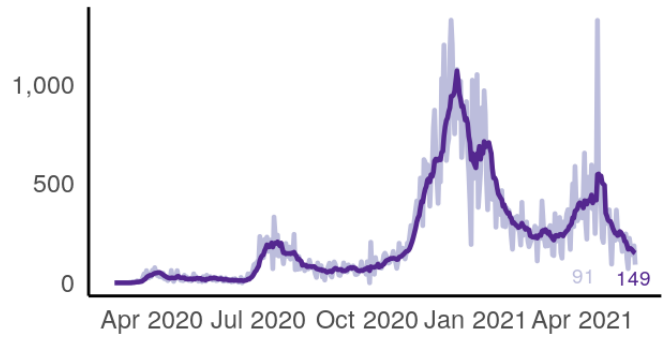


— Cumulative Cases — Cumulative Deaths

New Cases



New Cases



Source: Johns Hopkins Univ.

— New Cases — 7-day Avg

KANE COMMUNITY LIVING CENTERS:

Facility	RESIDENTS				STAFF		
	Current COVID-19 +	Cumulative COVID-19 +	Recovered/Discharged	Deaths	Current COVID-19 +	Cumulative COVID-19 +	Recovered
Glen Hazel	0	96	76	21	0	109	109
Scott	0	154	135	21	0	86	85
McKeesport	3	41	38	0	1	59	58
Ross	0	30	22	8	0	50	50

Source: Allegheny County (<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/kane/index.aspx>)

ALLEGHENY COUNTY NURSING AND PERSONAL CARE FACILITIES:

Number of Facilities with Cases	Number of Cases Among Residents	Number of Cases Among Employees	Number of Deaths
165	5,732	2,423	1,032

Source: PA Department of Health (<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/LTCF-Data.aspx>)

Information accurate as of 1200 hours today
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ALLEGHENY COUNTY MUNICIPAL DECLARATIONS OF DISASTER:

- Avalon
- Aspinwall
- Baldwin Boro
- Bethel Park
- Blawnox
- Carnegie
- Castle Shannon
- Cheswick
- Churchill
- Clairton
- Crafton
- Dravosburg
- Duquesne
- East Pittsburgh
- Edgewood
- Elizabeth Boro
- Etna
- Forest Hills
- Fox Chapel
- Franklin Park
- Hampton
- Harmar
- Homestead
- Ingram
- Jefferson Hills
- Lincoln
- McCandless
- Millvale
- Mt. Lebanon
- North Fayette
- Oakdale
- Ohio
- Penn Hills
- Pennsbury Village
- Pine
- Pitcairn
- Pittsburgh
- Port Vue
- Rankin
- Reserve
- Robinson
- Ross
- Sewickley Boro
- Sewickley Heights
- Shaler
- Sharpsburg
- Springdale Boro
- Swissvale
- Turtle Creek
- Verona
- West Deer
- Whitaker
- White Oak
- Wilkins
- Wilmerding

SCHOOL DISTRICT STATUS: *(No new status reported for 17MAY2021)*

District	Current Status <small>(In-Person, Remote, or Hybrid)</small>	District	Current Status <small>(In-Person, Remote, or Hybrid)</small>
Allegheny Valley	In-Person	North Allegheny	In-Person
Avonworth	In-Person	North Hills	In-Person
Baldwin-Whitehall	In-Person	Northgate	Hybrid
Bethel Park	In-Person	Penn Hills	In-Person
Brentwood Borough	Hybrid	Pine-Richland	In-Person
Carlynton	In-Person	Pittsburgh Public Schools	Hybrid
Chartiers Valley	In-Person	Plum Borough	In-Person
Clairton City	Hybrid	Quaker Valley	Hybrid
Cornell	Hybrid	Riverview	Hybrid
Deer Lakes	In-Person	Shaler Area	Hybrid
Duquesne City	In-Person	South Allegheny	In-Person
East Allegheny	Hybrid	South Fayette Township	In-Person
Elizabeth Forward	In-Person	South Park	Hybrid
Fox Chapel Area	In-Person	Steel Valley	Hybrid
Gateway	Hybrid	Sto-Rox	Hybrid
Hampton Township	Hybrid	Upper St. Clair	In-Person
Highlands	Hybrid	West Allegheny	In-Person
Keystone Oaks	Hybrid	West Jefferson Hills	In-Person
McKeesport Area	In-Person	West Mifflin Area	In-Person
Montour	In-Person	Wilkesburg	Hybrid
Moon Area	Hybrid	Woodland Hills	Hybrid
Mount Lebanon	In-Person		
Career Technical Schools / Vo-Tech			
A.W. Beattie Career Center	Hybrid	Steel Center for Career and Technical Education	Hybrid
Forbes Road Career and Technology Center	Hybrid	McKeesport Area Technology Center	In-Person
Parkway West and Technology Center	Hybrid		

CURRENT SITUATION

Allegheny County Health Department:

- Allegheny County GIS developed a vaccination provider map here:
 - <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/8c541d5f4d19438294714cbf3e4abfac/>
- Operating multiple community PODs with online appointment registration available:
 - <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/COVID-19/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information.aspx>
- Planning and operating additional community-based, targeted PODs for underserved populations.

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- Vaccination planning continuing with community response partners.
- Continuing to assess food facilities for compliance with COVID.
- ACHD continues to provide updated guidance at the following link:
 - <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/COVID-19/Information-for-Specific-Groups/Information-for-Specific-Groups.aspx>

Allegheny County Emergency Services:

- Continue allocation and warehousing of critical PPE.
- ACES staff are facilitating a vaccination POD at the Castle Shannon Fire Department.
 - [Last day of operation is Friday, May 21, 2021](#)

Allegheny County Department of Human Services:

- Continue to assist with vaccine information and roll out; Providing guidance, messaging, and staffing assistance as needed.
- Continue to push put rent relief messages. Applications for new federal rent and utilities relief funding will be accessible starting March 15.
- Continue to monitor and update guidance for Congregate and Long-term Care providers and providers conducting in-person operations.
- Isolation and quarantine facilities continue to operate for shelter and congregate care residents, and we are monitoring a rise in their use.
- Continue to address an increased number of calls for assistance to the Senior Line. Despite increase, assistance remains stable.

Vaccine Distribution:

All Pennsylvania residents are currently eligible for vaccination. The Allegheny County Health Department is currently offering the Moderna (ages 18 and older) and the Pfizer (ages 16 and older) vaccine at several sites throughout the county.

Individuals may also call PA 2-1-1 Southwest, powered by United Way, from 9 AM to 7 PM daily for assistance in making first and second dose appointments.

- Vaccine Registration Site: <https://vax4.alleghenycounty.us/patient/s/>

For more information:

- ACHD: <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/COVID-19/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information.aspx>
- PA DOH: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Vaccine/Pages/Vaccine.aspx>

CRITICAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS:

Vulnerable Care Facility Issues:

- None known at this time.

Positive Cases with First Responders (*impacting service delivery*):

- None known at this time.

Fatalities in excess of capabilities:

- None known at this time.

Critical Infrastructure Issues:

- None known at this time.



Food/Feeding Program Issues:

- None known at this time.

Vaccination site weather-related impacts:

- None known at this time.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION:

Anticipated Unmet Needs:

- None known at this time

Known COVID-19 Testing Sites:

- Allegheny County Community-Based Testing Information:
<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/COVID-19/Information-on-COVID-19-Testing.aspx>
- Map with locations is available at:
<http://alcogis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Nearby/index.html?appid=472bad5ba19f4247a094d55e712195c8>

Shortages in transients lodging:

- None known at this time.

Abandoned Pets/Domestic Animal Issues:

- None known at this time.

Government absenteeism impacting operations:

- None known at this time.

COVID-19 fraudulent information (*Fake test kits, fake checks, distribution of kits outside normal channels, etc.*):

- None known at this time.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS (previous 7 days):

Allegheny County Health Department:

- Scheduled and administered COVID-19 vaccinations to recipients at multiple locations identified here: <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/COVID-19/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information.aspx>

Allegheny County Emergency Services:

- ACES Staff facilitated vaccination PODs:
 - May 10 to May 15: 1,644 vaccinations administered
 - Running Total: 40,308
- Continued support of ACHD activities and other partner organizations.

Allegheny County Human Services:

- The utilities portion of the rent assistance program is now available. Those who need utilities payment assistance can log back into their account if they've already applied for rental assistance and indicated a need for utilities assistance as well, or new assistance seekers can apply as part of the regular rent relief process at: <https://covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us/>
- Sent informational updates on the new rent relief funding; collecting email addresses/phone numbers of interested potential participants.



CHALLENGES:

Allegheny County Health Department:

- Demand at vaccine clinics is reducing resulting in unfilled appointment slots.

Allegheny County Emergency Services:

- None known at this time.

Allegheny County Human Services:

- Childcare facilities closed due to pandemic have impacted more than 500 children whose families receive a childcare subsidy. These families have been forced to turn to other childcare alternatives and lose out on subsidy funding.
- Ensuring a smoother roll out of new round of rent relief funding, especially for those who are not digitally connected or harder to reach communities.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES (next 7 days):

Allegheny County Health Department:

- Continue to assess and adjust operations going forward.

Allegheny County Emergency Services:

- [Demobilizing the Castle Shannon Vaccination Clinic on May 21, 2021.](#)
- After Action Review of the CBTS has begun in order to evaluate recommendations for improvement as it may relate to future operations and mass vaccination.

Allegheny County Human Services:

- Applications for federal rent relief will be available online beginning March 15.
- Informational materials will be made available to providers to help promote the program.
- We continue to push information about the program out to people who have signed up for emails and texts.

RUMOR CONTROL:

- FEMA COVID-19 Rumor Control webpage: <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control>
- Allegheny County COVID-19 Rumor Control webpage: <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/COVID-19/Rumor-Control.aspx>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- **Allegheny County First Responder COVID-19 Screening Help Line: 412-681-6669, Option 3**
 - Questions regarding potential First Responder exposure and procedures can call the above number.
 - This Help Line can now set up testing for first responders.

LINKS:

- Allegheny County Health Department COVID-19 Page: <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/health-department/resources/covid-19/covid-19.aspx>
- PA DOH COVID-19 Information Page: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>
- PA DCED Business-to-Business Interchange Directory: <https://dced.pa.gov/pennsylvania-covid-19-ppe-supplies-business-2-business-b2b-interchange-directory/>
- CDC COVID-19 Information Page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Myths & Truths of the COVID-19 Vaccines

Excerpted from Allegheny County Health Department
Director Dr. Debra Bogen's weekly briefing on May 5

MYTH: The vaccines have microchips to gather your personal information.

TRUTH: There is no microchip or other electronic device in the world that's small enough to fit inside the needles used to inject vaccines. The vaccines' purpose is to protect you from a deadly virus. Period. They are NOT being used for tracking purposes.

MYTH: The vaccines contain meat products – in particular gelatin.

TRUTH: This is important because, if it were true, it would carry serious implications for vegan and vegetarians, and for people of certain religious faiths. However, I can verify that none of the approved vaccines—Pfizer, Moderna or Janssen —contain gelatin or any other animal products.

MYTH: There's no point in getting vaccinated because you still have to wear a mask.

TRUTH: Vaccines protect you from getting seriously ill. Masks are still needed in certain settings to protect you AND to protect those around you who have not been or cannot be vaccinated—and there are some people who cannot be vaccinated because of age, health conditions or other reasons.

MYTH: Vaccines cause infertility.

TRUTH: No evidence supports this. The truth is that COVID-19 vaccine do not affect the fertility of women who are seeking to become pregnant.

While I am on this topic – tens of thousands of pregnant women have been safely vaccinated – including some on our staff. The vaccine is far safer than getting covid while pregnant.

MYTH: The vaccine costs money.

TRUTH: The vaccine is free. Some vaccine providers may charge an administration fee, but they cannot charge for the vaccine itself. The Allegheny County Health Department does not charge an administration fee. Shots are 100% free at all our clinics.

MYTH: The vaccines don't work against variants.

TRUTH: Actually, research shows that the U.S. vaccines are highly effective against variants, which is very encouraging. There is ongoing surveillance tracking vaccination breakthrough cases and new variants to make sure that remains so.

MYTH: The vaccines contain aborted fetal cells.

TRUTH: None of the COVID-19 vaccines contain whole or partial human cells, or bits of tissue. It is true that some of the COVID-19 vaccines were produced through research that involved cells from tissue obtained legally after an elective abortion carried out many years ago. Those cells were turned into a "cell line" – a research tool that scientists can use to study how viruses cause infection.

MYTH: If you've had COVID-19, you don't need to get vaccinated.

TRUTH: Even if you've had COVID, getting the vaccine is beneficial by bolstering your immune response to the virus. The immune response from the vaccine is stronger and longer lasting than natural infection.

MYTH: The vaccine will change my DNA.

TRUTH: It does not change your DNA. The messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines, Pfizer and Moderna, do not enter the nucleus of the cell where DNA is located. The mRNA trains your body to produce the necessary immune response by making antibodies. The mRNA lasts just a couple of days.

MYTH: Young people don't need to get vaccinated.

TRUTH: Everyone eligible should get vaccinated. It's true that young, healthy children and adults generally are not severely sickened by COVID-19, but they certainly contribute to the virus's spread. Also some young people do get very sick and have long term symptoms. Again, EVERYONE should get vaccinated. Not only for yourself, but for your parents and grandparents, and other young people with underlying conditions.

Finally, this is possibly the most important MYTH to dispel: The vaccines were rushed, and therefore were developed too quickly for anyone to be certain they are safe.

TRUTH: The science is solid. These vaccines are rooted in well-established technologies used to develop other vaccines. They underwent extensive testing in 10s of thousands of people, including the county executive and me. They have been now given to millions across the country. They are absolutely safe—and certainly safer than getting the COVID-19 virus – which I will remind you contributed to the death of nearly 2000 Allegheny County residents and just 75 people in our county in April alone.

Remember: The vaccines underwent rigorous testing and controls. I got vaccinated and I urged all of my loved ones to do the same. Because I **KNOW** they are safe.

So there you have it. There are many myths surrounding the vaccine, but none of them are true. The vaccine **IS** safe. The vaccine **WILL** protect you and your loved ones.

The vaccine—if enough of us get it—**WILL** allow us all to return to normalcy: To hugging our loved ones ... to dinner parties with friends ... to dining in restaurants without fear ... to once again enjoying large outdoor gatherings to celebrate the Fourth of July, Light Up Night, New Year's Eve ... and—who knows?—maybe another Stanley Cup Championship parade. I mean, we are good at parades.

But to get there, we must erase vaccine hesitancy and replace it with vaccine **CONFIDENCE**.

I am confident. I hope you are too.

If you or anyone you know have any lingering questions or concerns about the vaccine or the virus, please talk to your doctor, or visit alleghenycounty.us/coronavirus. There you will find all the resources you need.

And while you're there—go ahead and register for a vaccination. You can do so with vaccine confidence.

Thank you for your time. *Be safe and be kind.*

- Dr. Debra Bogen
Director, Allegheny County Health Department

