

<b>SITUATION REPORT</b>	INCIDENT	OPERATIONAL PERIOD	REPORTING UNIT	FORM
External	COVID-19	START: 10/18/21 0800 END: 10/22/21 1600	PADOH	.ICS 209 - Short

**CLEARED FOR PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**CURRENT SITUATION**

PADOH continues coordination efforts with FEMA, PEMA, and other state agencies through the Department Operations Center (DOC) to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. DOH focus remains on vaccine distribution, long-term care facility outbreaks and joint agency planning for potential COVID-19 impacts on educational institutions.

Currently, there are [1,530,309 \(+28,185 from 10/15/21\)](#) positive cases, and [30,903 \(+485 from 10/15/21\)](#) deaths in Pennsylvania. There have been positive cases at [1,642 \(+2 from 10/15/21\)](#) LTC/PCH facilities, 43 jails/prisons, and [655 \(+9 from 10/15/21\)](#) food industry facilities. [91% \(+1 from 10/8/21\)](#) of all Pennsylvania positive cases are considered recovered. A recovered case is one that has not been reported as a death and is more than 30 days past the date of the positive test or onset of symptoms.

As of 1500, October 22, 2021, there were [45,336,575 \(+518,700 from 10/15/21\)](#) reported cases of COVID-19 in the U.S, and [242,803,097 \(+2,884,387 from 10/15/21\)](#) worldwide. There were [734,034 \(+11,176 from 10/15/21\)](#) deaths reported in the U.S. and [4,934,449 \(+47,633 from 10/15/21\)](#) worldwide.

Yesterday, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation for a booster shot of COVID-19 vaccines for individuals who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. Groups now eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after their initial series are: 65 years and older; Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings; Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions, and Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings. Also, for everyone who got the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots are also recommended for 18 and older who were vaccinated two or more months ago.

Now that there is a booster recommendation for all three vaccines, eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. CDC's recommendations now allow for mix and match vaccine dosing for booster shots.

**CASE COUNTS**

**Pennsylvania Counts/Casualties and Distribution**

Since October 15, 2021; Pennsylvania has reported [1,530,309 \(+28,185\)](#) positive cases; and [30,903 \(+485\)](#) deaths.

County	Cases	Deaths	County	Cases	Deaths	County	Cases	Deaths
Adams	<a href="#">13026</a>	<a href="#">218</a>	Elk	<a href="#">4028</a>	<a href="#">56</a>	Montour	<a href="#">2476</a>	<a href="#">71</a>
Allegheny	<a href="#">129285</a>	<a href="#">2,298</a>	Erie	<a href="#">28577</a>	<a href="#">481</a>	Northampton	<a href="#">44049</a>	<a href="#">786</a>
Armstrong	<a href="#">8612</a>	<a href="#">196</a>	Fayette	<a href="#">17410</a>	<a href="#">396</a>	Northumberland	<a href="#">12462</a>	<a href="#">399</a>
Beaver	<a href="#">21688</a>	<a href="#">464</a>	Forest	<a href="#">1577</a>	<a href="#">24</a>	Perry	<a href="#">5206</a>	<a href="#">119</a>
Bedford	<a href="#">6662</a>	<a href="#">167</a>	Franklin	<a href="#">21442</a>	<a href="#">450</a>	Philadelphia	<a href="#">180602</a>	<a href="#">3,993</a>
Berks	<a href="#">57717</a>	<a href="#">1,136</a>	Fulton	<a href="#">2189</a>	<a href="#">28</a>	Pike	<a href="#">5310</a>	<a href="#">60</a>
Blair	<a href="#">16945</a>	<a href="#">378</a>	Greene	<a href="#">4753</a>	<a href="#">53</a>	Potter	<a href="#">1840</a>	<a href="#">44</a>
Bradford	<a href="#">7554</a>	<a href="#">119</a>	Huntingdon	<a href="#">6731</a>	<a href="#">155</a>	Schuylkill	<a href="#">18777</a>	<a href="#">467</a>
Bucks	<a href="#">72496</a>	<a href="#">1,416</a>	Indiana	<a href="#">8757</a>	<a href="#">222</a>	Snyder	<a href="#">4657</a>	<a href="#">101</a>
Butler	<a href="#">24606</a>	<a href="#">494</a>	Jefferson	<a href="#">4813</a>	<a href="#">115</a>	Somerset	<a href="#">10377</a>	<a href="#">247</a>
Cambria	<a href="#">19001</a>	<a href="#">494</a>	Juniata	<a href="#">2837</a>	<a href="#">115</a>	Sullivan	<a href="#">579</a>	<a href="#">24</a>
Cameron	<a href="#">487</a>	<a href="#">11</a>	Lackawanna	<a href="#">22472</a>	<a href="#">515</a>	Susquehanna	<a href="#">3579</a>	<a href="#">66</a>
Carbon	<a href="#">8725</a>	<a href="#">200</a>	Lancaster	<a href="#">70331</a>	<a href="#">1,301</a>	Tioga	<a href="#">4408</a>	<a href="#">129</a>
Centre	<a href="#">20328</a>	<a href="#">242</a>	Lawrence	<a href="#">10604</a>	<a href="#">261</a>	Union	<a href="#">7297</a>	<a href="#">98</a>

Chester	50251	871	Lebanon	20308	327	Venango	6151	131
Clarion	4646	121	Lehigh	47984	933	Warren	3893	122
Clearfield	10990	191	Luzerne	40221	915	Washington	25057	384
Clinton	4809	73	Lycoming	15950	350	Wayne	5583	105
Columbia	7689	151	McKean	5021	85	Westmoreland	44054	888
Crawford	10677	186	Mercer	13370	321	Wyoming	2710	62
Cumberland	27699	608	Mifflin	7091	192	York	61118	953
Dauphin	34227	634	Monroe	19374	359			
Delaware	61501	1,494	Montgomery	84663	1,838			

Source: PA-NEDSS & EDRS (10/22/21)

**Hospital Reporting Data**



Source: CORVENA; NC=No change; NR=Not reported (data as of 10/22/21)

**Vaccination Data**

<b>COVID-19 Vaccines Administered Total Doses (since 10/15/21) *</b>	215,692
<b>COVID-19 Vaccines Administered Total Doses (since 12/14/20)</b>	13,511,900
<b>Total People 'Vaccinated' as of (10/22/21)</b>	7,176,520
<b>People 'Partially Covered' Total as of (10/22/21)</b>	766,151 (+997 since 10/15/21)
<b>People 'Fully Covered' Total as of (10/22/21) **</b>	6,410,369 (+57,546 since 10/15/21)
<b>People receiving additional dose (booster) since 8/13/21</b>	403,083 (+102,902 since 10/15/21)

\* COVID-19 Vaccination data from PA-SIIS report. Vaccination data from Philadelphia clinics, federal facilities, or vaccinations received in another state are not included.

\*\* Fully Covered means that the person received the necessary number of COVID-19 vaccinations at the recommended time intervals.

**Timeline:**

August 6, 2020 – Governor Wolf recommended all Pre-K-12 school and recreational youth sports be postponed until at least January 1, 2021

August 19, 2020 – Contact Tracing Mobile App pilot program begins – app will be available early September

August 25, 2020 – Dr. Levine announced Pennsylvania’s COVID-19 Mobile Response Unit, CATE (Community-Accessible Testing and Education), to provide testing and education to minority and underserved communities. Governor Wolf also presented his fall legislative agenda for COVID-19 support and recovery.

September 1, 2020 – Governor Wolf signed the second renewal of the COVID-19 Disaster Declaration for State Response and Recovery. All DHS licensed care facilities completed universal testing by the August 31, 2020 deadline.

September 3, 2020 – Secretary Levine released updated skilled nursing facility guidance, including updated routine testing strategies

September 8, 2020 – Governor Wolf announced that restaurants can increase indoor occupancy back to 50% starting

September 22, 2020 – Governor Wolf and Secretary Levine announced the launch of the COVID Alert PA app, which uses Bluetooth technology to let a person know that they have been exposed to COVID-19 without compromising identity or location. Updated guidance regarding testing and visitation for personal care homes, assisted living residents, and private intermediate care facilities was also released.

September 25, 2020 – Secretary Levine announced the closing of the remaining nine Walmart drive-thru COVID-19 testing sites across the state at close of business due to steadily decreasing registrations. DOH has also contracted with AMI Expeditionary Healthcare to provide pop-up COVID-19 testing sites in Centre and Columbia County.

October 1, 2020 - PADOH no longer coordinates distribution of Remdesivir (Veklury). Healthcare facilities can procure the medication direct from the vendor.

October 14, 2020 – PADOH began distributing the first allotment of 250,000 COVID-19 antigen test kits.

October 27, 2020 – Battelle Decontamination System decommissioned.

November 24, 2020, Governor Wolf signed a third renewal of his 90-day Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic.

December 10, 2020, Governor Wolf announced new temporary mitigation efforts, including restrictions on restaurants, youth sports, gyms, and social gatherings. This order is scheduled to expire on January 4, 2021.

February 12, 2021 Acting Secretary of Health Alison Beam issued an order directing vaccine providers' administration of COVID-19 vaccines to ensure that Pennsylvanians are vaccinated as quickly and efficiently as possible.

March 1, 2021, Out-of-State travel restrictions are lifted and occupancy limits for indoor and outdoor venues are increased.

March 10, 2021, Intermediate Unit vaccination clinics opened for teachers, school staff, and support staff.

March 23, 2021, Gov. Wolf announced that 102,161 educators had been vaccinated through the Intermediate Unit vaccination clinics.

March 31, 2021, workers in four targeted industries (law enforcement, firefighters, grocery store workers and food and agriculture workers may register for COVID-19 vaccinations.

April 5, 2021, persons in group 1B are now able to schedule COVID-19 vaccinations.

April 12, 2021, persons in group 1C are now able to schedule COVID-19 vaccinations.

April 13, 2021, all persons in Pennsylvania over the age of 16 are now able to schedule COVID-19 vaccinations.

May 12, 2021, all persons in Pennsylvania over the age of 12 are now able to schedule COVID-19 vaccinations.

May 13, 2021, Acting Secretary of Health Alison Beam announced that Pennsylvania will adhere to the CDC's updated policy that "fully vaccinated" people are no longer required to wear masks in most indoor or outdoor situations.

May 27, 2021, Acting Secretary of Health Allison Beam announced that the mandate to wear masks will end by June 28, 2021. The mandate may end sooner if 70% of all adults in Pennsylvania have been fully vaccinated.

Additional chronology of DOH actions and announcements is available at: <https://www.media.pa.gov/Pages/Health.aspx>

August 31, 2021. Acting Secretary of Health Alison Beam signed an order requiring masks be worn inside k-12 school buildings, early learning programs, and child care providers; effective September 2, 2021.

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Delivery of resources ongoing
- Continued work towards planning for site assessments and universal testing at LTC facilities
- Continued development/enhancement of the Universal Testing Request process
- Ongoing revisions/edits for COVID-19 Vaccine Plan
- **71.1%** of Pennsylvanian's age 18 years and older are fully vaccinated.

#### **CHALLENGES**

- Addressing PPE issues
- Addressing needs of LTC facilities and other congregate settings

#### **PLANNED ACTIVITIES (NEXT 24 – 72 HOURS)**

- County and Municipal Health Department calls held weekly, as needed
- Coordinate messaging and information requests from state agencies
- Disseminate a health alert (HAN) on updated CDC guidance as necessary
- Continue local and regional planning support efforts with partner state agencies

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Coronavirus informational webpage on PA DOH website live [here](#)
- Public inquiry resource account: [RA-DHCOVIDQUESTIONS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-DHCOVIDQUESTIONS@pa.gov)

