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Department of Health: Over 5.9 Million Vaccinations to Date, First Doses of Vaccine to 35.4% of Population, PA Ranks 14th Among 50 States for First Dose Vaccinations

4,746 New Cases, 2,425 Patients Hospitalized and 484 Patients in the Intensive Care Unit

Harrisburg, PA - The Pennsylvania Department of Health today confirmed as of 12:00 a.m., April 8, there were 4,746 additional positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the statewide total to 1,059,044.

There are 2,425 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. Of that number, 484 patients are in the intensive care unit with COVID-19. Most of the patients hospitalized are ages 65 or older, and most of the deaths have occurred in patients 65 or older. More data is available [here](#).

The trend in the 14-day moving average number of hospitalized patients per day is about 4,000 lower than it was at the peak on December 25, 2020. The current 14-day average is also below what it was at the height of the spring peak on May 3, 2020. However, the moving average of number of hospitalized patients has started to increase.

Statewide percent positivity for the week of March 26 – April 1 stood at 9.4%.

The most accurate [daily data is available on the website](#), with [archived data also available](#).

As of 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, there were 42 new deaths identified by the Pennsylvania death registry, reported for a total of 25,327 deaths attributed to COVID-19. County-specific information and a statewide map are available on the [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

Pennsylvania hospitals began receiving shipments of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine the week of Dec. 14 and Moderna COVID-19 vaccine the week of Dec. 21. The Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine was first allocated to Pennsylvania the week of March 1, and the commonwealth is using it for a special initiative involving K-12 and early education educators and support staff. Vaccination numbers for Pennsylvania do not include Philadelphia, which is its own jurisdiction, or federal facilities, which are working directly with the federal government.

[Vaccine highlights](#)

- According to the CDC, as of Thursday morning, April 8, Pennsylvania has administered first doses of vaccine to 35.4% of its eligible population, and the state ranks 14th among all 50 states for first doses administered by percentage of population.
 - According to the CDC, as of Thursday morning, April 7, Pennsylvania ranks 5th among all 50 states for total doses administered.
 - Vaccine providers have administered 5,905,787 total vaccine doses as of Thursday, April 8.
 - 2,125,826 people are fully vaccinated; with a seven-day moving average of more than 83,000 people per day receiving vaccinations.
 - 1,810,828 people are partially vaccinated, meaning they have received one dose of a two-dose vaccine.
 - 3,936,654 people have received at least their first dose.
- This week, a total of 6,580,640 doses will have been allocated through April 10:
 - 442,310 first/single doses will have been allocated this week.
 - 268,010 second doses will have been allocated this week.
- To date, we have administered 5,905,787 doses total through April 8:
 - First/single doses: 3,936,654 administered
 - Second doses: 1,969,133 administered

Mask-wearing is required in all businesses and whenever leaving home, even if fully vaccinated. Consistent mask-wearing is critical to preventing the spread of COVID-19.

There are 134,892 individuals who have a positive viral antigen test and are considered probable cases and 639 individuals who have a positive serology test and either COVID-19 symptoms or a high-risk exposure.

There are 4,200,316 individuals who have tested negative to date.

In licensed nursing and personal care homes, there are 69,684 resident cases of COVID-19, and 14,417 cases among employees, for a total of 84,101 at 1,580 distinct facilities in all 67 counties. Out of total deaths reported to PA-NEDSS, 12,968 have occurred in residents from nursing or personal care facilities. A county breakdown can be found [here](#). Note that the number of deaths reported to NEDSS is not exactly the same as the COVID-19 related deaths reported by the death registry. The number of deaths among nursing and personal care home residents and employees is taken from the PA-NEDSS death data, as this information is not available in the death registry data.

Approximately 26,768 of our total cases are among health care workers.

Statewide – The Wolf Administration has since noon, April 7:

- Provided latest [CMU metrics report](#).
- [Discussed vaccine equity and progress](#) in McKeesport.

- Joined Muslim Aid Initiative to discuss [vaccine hesitancy](#).
- Announced [opening of regional vaccination clinic](#) in Centre County.

While vaccine supply from the federal government remains limited, the Department of Health is working to ensure the vaccine is provided in a way that is ethical, equitable and efficient. To keep Pennsylvanians informed about vaccination efforts:

- The [Your Turn](#) tool provides a way to register to be alerted when it's your turn to be vaccinated.
- A [commonwealth COVID-19 vaccination guide](#) explains the current process for getting one. Pennsylvanians with questions about the vaccination process can call the Department of Health hotline at 1-877-724-3258.
- [Vaccine provider map](#) to find a COVID-19 vaccine provider near you.
- All of the locations that received vaccine and how much they have received can be found on the [COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution webpage](#).
- [Vaccine dashboard data](#) can also be found on the website to find more information on the doses administered and showcase demographic information.
- The [Unite Against COVID Weekly Update](#) is a round-up of news you can use and answers to your most pressing vaccine questions – delivered directly to your inbox every week.
- Pennsylvanians can provide feedback on the Pennsylvania COVID-19 Interim Vaccination Plan by clicking on the Plan Feedback Form square under Popular Vaccine Topics [here](#).
- Frequently asked questions can be found [here](#).

The Wolf Administration stresses the role Pennsylvanians play in helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Cover any coughs or sneezes with your elbow, not your hands.
- Clean surfaces frequently.
- Stay home to avoid spreading COVID-19, especially if you are unwell.
- If you must go out, you are required to wear a mask when in a business or where it is difficult to maintain proper social distancing.
- Download the COVID Alert PA app and make your phone part of the fight. The free app can be found in the [Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple App Store](#) by searching for “covid alert pa”.

Updated Coronavirus Links: Press Releases, State Lab Photos, Graphics

- [Daily COVID-19 Report](#)
- [Press releases regarding coronavirus](#)
- [Latest information on the coronavirus](#)
- [Photos of the state's lab in Exton](#) (for download and use)
- [Coronavirus and preparedness graphics](#) (located at the bottom of the page)
- [Community preparedness and procedures materials](#)