



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

September 9, 2021

The Honorable Jake Corman  
President Pro Tempore  
Senate of Pennsylvania

The Honorable Bryan Cutler  
Speaker  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

The Honorable Kim Ward  
Majority Leader  
Senate of Pennsylvania

The Honorable Kerry Benninghoff  
Majority Leader  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

The Honorable Michele Brooks  
Chair, Health & Human Services Committee  
Senate of Pennsylvania

The Honorable Kathy Rapp  
Chair, Health Committee  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Dear President Pro Tempore Corman, Speaker Cutler, Leaders Ward and Benninghoff, and Chairs Brooks and Rapp:

Thank you for your letter requesting additional data regarding COVID-19. The Department of Health has publicly released a historic amount of data on COVID-19 details and demographics to help inform the General Assembly and the general public throughout the pandemic, and they continue to do so. We are happy to provide more information regarding your specific requests as follows:

- Case count data for individuals 0-18 years old is [available](#), though this information will be updated weekly rather than daily.
- We are finalizing information for public release early next week on post-vaccine cases, but also for hospitalizations and deaths.
- The Department relies upon multiple experts to forecast COVID-19 metrics, many of which are compiled by the CDC. We would encourage you to utilize the [CDC's publicly available compilation of forecasting](#) to find and monitor projected data for the weeks and months ahead.

I very much appreciate your concern about making sure Pennsylvanians are vaccinated. Unfortunately, as you can see from the Department of Health's [data dashboard](#), we continue to lag significantly in many areas of the state. Sadly, this is holding us all back, and, in part, leads to having to issue school mask mandates to protect our children and keep our classrooms open as part of the broader effort to keep Pennsylvanians on the job to fuel our economic recovery.

Together, the Vaccine Task Force has helped make Pennsylvania a national leader on vaccines. However, we need efforts from every member of the General Assembly to continue to improve vaccination outcomes. In the coming weeks, we will be releasing vaccination reports by legislative district so that the General Assembly and public can better understand how well each member's district is performing.

In July, I wrote the General Assembly a letter asking for help in getting individuals vaccinated. As the voters of Pennsylvania have asked the legislature to play a greater role in the management of emergencies, I am asking you to create a frequently updated dashboard to track efforts by each member of the General Assembly to help encourage vaccinations. This should include information such as how many vaccination clinics have been publicized or facilitated by each member of the legislature, what vaccination outreach has taken place through various media forums, and efforts members plan to take to educate parents and students about the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine as we anticipate its approval for younger ages in the coming months. Information to assist members in these efforts can be found on the Commonwealth's PA Unites Against COVID [website](#).

Our goal should be to strive to be the best state in the country on vaccinations, and your partnership is critical. Thank you again for your interest in this vitally important effort.

Sincerely,



TOM WOLF  
Governor

cc: The Honorable Jay Costa, Democratic Leader, Senate of Pennsylvania  
The Honorable Joanna McClinton, Democratic Leader, Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
The Honorable Art Haywood, Democratic Chair, Senate Health & Human Services Committee  
The Honorable Dan Frankel, Democratic Chair, House Health Committee  
Alison Beam, Acting Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Health