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DCED Applauds Western PA Business For Efforts To Protect Frontline Workers, Children

Agencies Promote Programs, Resources For Children During Pandemic, Back-To-School Season

Dept. Of Health Partnership Yields 487 COVID Tests Resources For Hundreds Of Underserved Individuals In Lebanon County

State Police Liquor Enforcement Issues 21 Warnings, 1 NOV For COVID Violations

Gov. Wolf Calls On Legislature To Act Immediately On COVID-19 Recovery, Government Reform [PaCN]

Gov. Wolf Urges Legislature To Protect Pennsylvanians From Evictions, Foreclosures

Pennsylvania Approved For Extra $300 Per Week Federal Unemployment Benefit

Dept. Of Health, Community Groups Roll Out Mobile COVID-19 Response Unit

Dept. Of Human Services Marks Progress At Universal Testing At Long-Term Care Facilities

Dept. Of Agriculture Release Restaurant COVID-19 Enforcement Actions Report

Gov. Wolf: Weekly COVID-19 Dashboard Update: Counties Of Concern, Business Transmission Levels, Arizona Removed From Travel List

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Dept. Of Health Reported 20 Additional Deaths Due To COVID-19; 835 New Cases [PaCN] 8.28.20

Experts: Lehigh Valley Should Not Drop Its Guard In COVID Battle

Lackawanna County Sees Largest Daily Case Spike Since June

York Medical Director: Uptick In COVID Cases A Reason To Worry

Dept. Of Health Reported 11 Additional Deaths Due To COVID-19; 620 New Cases [PaCN] 8.27.20

Beaver Falls Nursing Home Has Spike In COVID Cases, At Least 1 Death

Allegheny County Released More COVID-19 Datasets

Cap-Star: PA May Not Be Able To Track Spread Of COVID In Schools, Officials Say

Philly, NJ, PA Reject CDC's News COVID Guidelines, Saying They Will Continue Robust Testing

The Hill: CDC Director Clarifies Change In COVID Testing Guidelines After Backlash

Dept. Of Health Reported 19 Additional Deaths Due To COVID-19; 501 New Cases [PaCN] 8.26.20

Allegheny County's Dropping COVID-19 Rate Might Be Short-Lived As College Students

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New Children's Hospital Of Philadelphia COVID Projections Raise Continued Concerns For Midwest, Northeast & Major College Towns
Lutheran Home At Hollidaysburg Reports 52 COVID-19 Cases
Dept. Of Health Reported 26 Additional Deaths Due To COVID-19; 561 New Cases [PaCN] 8.25.20
Dept. Of Health Reported 1 Additional Death Due To COVID-19; 426 New Cases [PaCN] 8.24.20
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COVID Almost Killed This Philly Man 3 Times, Somehow It Didn't
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Wilkes-Barre Health Staff Investigated Over 500 COVID-19 Cases In The City
PA Hopes People Will Trust COVID-19 Notification App

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You Can Now Get 15-Minute COVID-19 Test Results In Philly
Spotlight PA: PA Drug, Alcohol Rehabs Buckle, Begin To Close Under COVID-19 Strain
Op-Ed: The Pandemic Proves It: We've Never Needed Nurse Practitioners More
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Dept. Of Health Unveils Nation's First Statewide Mobile COVID-19 Testing Unit
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Allegheny County Increases Outdoor Gatherings Limit To 100, From 50
Cap-Star: Another COVID Lockdown In Philly This Winter? Philly Mayor Isn't Saying No
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'Ya Fav Trashman' Raised $32,000 For PPE For Sanitation Workers In Philly
Cap-Star: Pittsburgh Father, Son Borrow Old State Slogan To Encourage Mask Wearing: Be A Friend In PA
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AG Shapiro Stops Price Gouging At Penn Jersey Paper Company In Philadelphia

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Legislation Would Protect Health Care Industry From COVID-19 Lawsuits
Spotlight PA: Rental Assistance Program Riddled With Problems As PA Prepares To Resume Evictions
Activists Call On State To Extend Eviction Moratorium: Immigrants Among Most At Risk
Letter: Are State Legislatures Obsolete?
Spotlight PA: Republican Lawmakers Hatch New Plan To Undermine Wolf's Emergency Powers
Gov. Wolf Calls On Legislature To Act Immediately On COVID-19 Recovery, Government Reform [PaCN]
AP-Mark Scolforo: Wolf Asks Lawmakers To Legalize Pot, Spend COVID-19 Funds
Spotlight PA: Wolf Wants PA To Legalize Marijuana, Provide More COVID-19 Relief This Fall
Wolf Releases Fall Agenda: Legalize Marijuana, Paid Family Leave, Child Care
Gov. Wolf Urges Legislature To Protect Pennsylvanians From Evictions, Foreclosures
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2 York County School Districts Confirmed COVID Cases
As Many As 18,000 Philly Students Still Need Internet Access
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Children, Parents Spammed With Porn During Kindergarten Orientation On Zoom In Hazleton
Allentown Schools Give Go Ahead For Sports To Resume
Pittston Schools Will Continue Fall Sports, Waivers Must Be Signed
Op-Ed: Schools Must Follow Guidelines To Keep Everyone Safe
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Second Derry Twp. School District Teacher Tests Positive For COVID-19
PA Lacks Process To Communicate COVID-19 Cases Among Students To The Public
How Are School Buses Keeping Kids Safe From COVID-19?
First Day Of Unconventional School Went Calmer Than Some Expected In Lancaster
Schools Look To Furlough Support Staff Saying They Don't Have Enough Work
Editorial: School Year Like No Other: Welcome Back And Good Luck
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Central Dauphin School District Elementary Teacher Tests Positive For COVID-19
Middletown Student-Athlete Tests Positive For COVID-19, Some Football Players To Quarantine
Technical Schools Grapple With Hands-On Learning During Pandemic
Lehigh Valley H.S. Sports Leagues Vote To Delay Start Of Most Fall Sports
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Cap-Star: Schools Stare Down Teen Mental Health Crisis As They Prepare For Largely Virtual Year
Mental Health Has Long Been A Challenge For Grad Students, COVID-19 Has Made It Harder
Erie Area Coaches Cautiously Welcome PIAA Move To Allow Fall H.S. Sports

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TNS: Shippensburg U. Threatens Partying Students With Sanctions
Gettysburg College Reports 13 New COVID Cases
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