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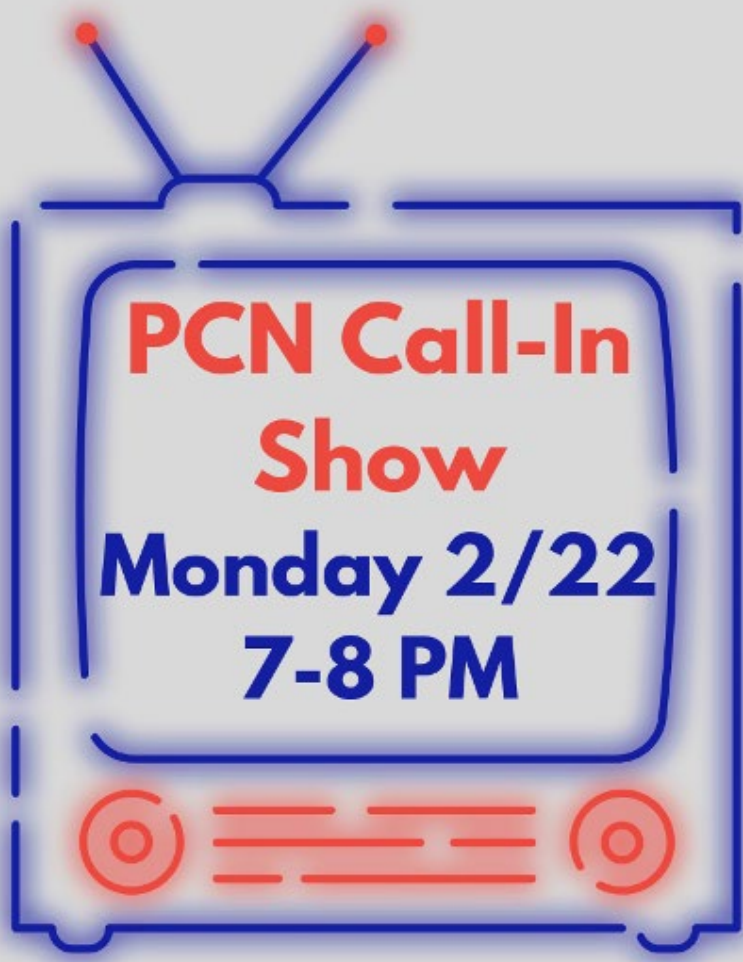
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State Senator
**LINDSEY M.
WILLIAMS**
Your District 38 Update



Upcoming Event

**Join me for a live discussion about
Education on the PCN Call-In Show on
Monday, February 22 from 7-8 PM!**



**Call with your
questions!**

1-877-PA6-5001

**Stream live at
PCNTV.com/callin**



Legislative Update



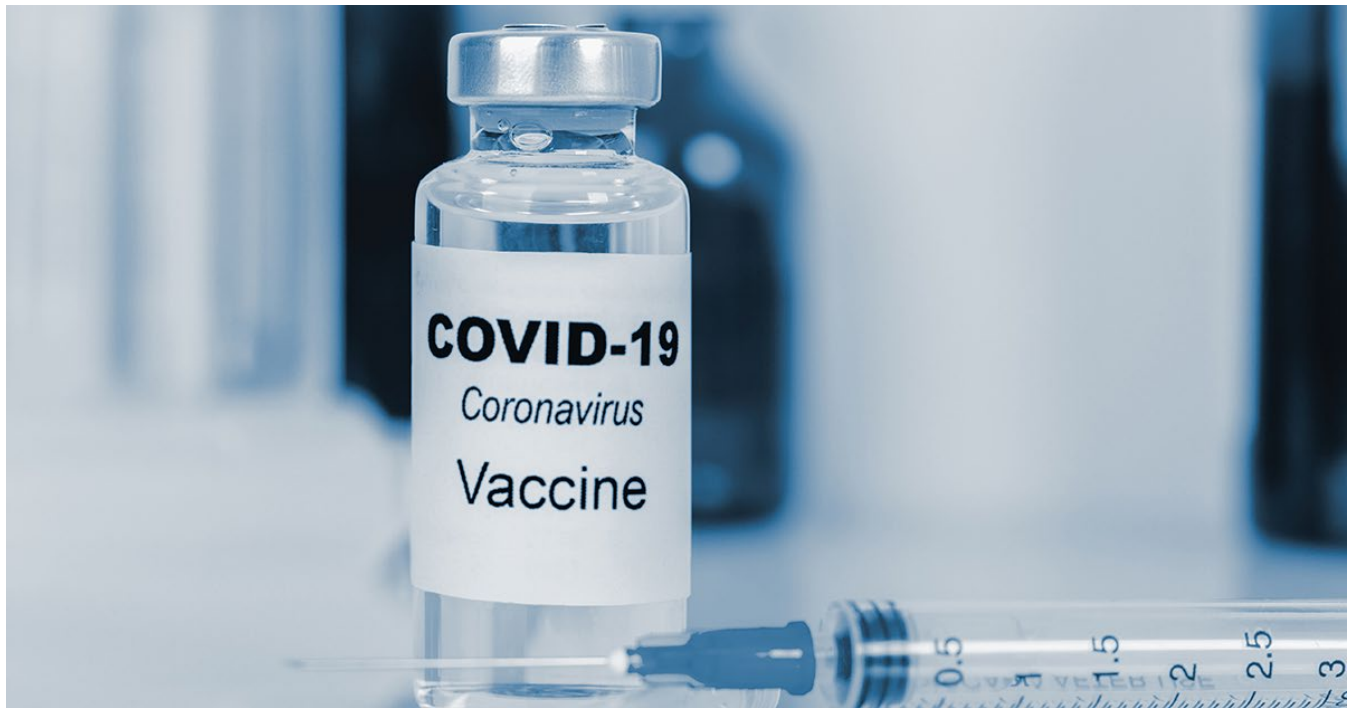
Senator Williams to Introduce Vaccine Registry Legislation

After months of heartbreaking calls from my constituents desperate to protect themselves and their loved ones from COVID-19 I, and my Democratic Senate colleagues Maria Collett, Katie Muth and Amanda M. Cappelletti, decided to introduce [legislation](#) to create a statewide COVID-19 Vaccine Registration database. The legislation largely echoes a Democratic [House co-sponsorship memo](#) offered by Representatives Ryan Bizzaro, Pam Snyder, Jennifer O'Mara, and Austin Davis. This outlines a straightforward, accessible, and consistent way for everyone to sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine.

The legislation creates a registry system that allows Pennsylvanians to register as willing recipients of the vaccine, provide proof of eligibility for a risk category, and indicate how far they are willing to travel to receive the vaccination. Vaccine providers will then be able to access the database and give priority appointments to these individuals. This legislation will reduce frustration, eliminate the need to spend hours searching for appointments, and permit prioritization of vaccine distribution to our most vulnerable citizens.

I will continue to provide updates and work to ensure easy and equitable access to these critical vaccines.

COVID-19 Update



COVID-19 Vaccine News

In addition to introducing legislation that would create a Vaccine Registry, I also have been advocating for our local, independent pharmacies and health providers to remain vaccine distribution points. These providers have proven that they are capable of handling vaccinations, and in many cases, have made costly upgrades to their facilities and brought on additional staff to ensure that our neighbors have access to vaccines.

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For my constituents who are receiving the Moderna vaccine:

- DOH has assured Pennsylvanians that their second dose (which is identical to the 1st) is secure. DOH will accomplish this by recalling provider's 1st dose reserves to meet 2nd dose vaccination commitments.
- Not all vaccine providers have a shortage. If your provider does, they contact you to confirm or reschedule your 2nd dose appointment within the CDC-sanctioned 42 day window, which you can read about [here](#). A one week delay from the original appointment is possible.
- 1st dose appointments will likely be pushed out 1-3 weeks. Providers will contact you to reschedule.

During this frustrating and difficult time, we continue to provide the updated list of vaccine

resources below to increase the likelihood of scheduling your vaccine appointment:

New!

Call PA Link for Vaccine Appointment Assistance by Phone:

- **1-800-753-8827:** PA Link provides assistance to seniors and the disabled and is taking calls from those without access to a computer. Operators will assess the caller's situation, offer guidance and transfer to a scheduling team. For callers with transportation needs, PA Link will also be able to contact partners with their local Area Agency on Aging to assist with coordinating rides.

New!

Register for UPMC's COVID-19 Vaccine Waitlist:

- By phone: 1-844-UPMCVAC (844-876-2822), 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week.
- Online: [UPMC | COVID Vaccine Form](#). Call or register online for UPMC's vaccine waitlist. You will be contacted when a vaccine is available. Open to the general public.

New!

Sign up for the PA Department of Health's "Your Turn" Eligibility Tool:

- Online only: [Your-Turn](#). This is not a waitlist, but a state-wide registry that alerts you when you are eligible for the vaccine.

Visit [Vaccinatepa.org](#):

- University of Pittsburgh student volunteers created this website to help Pennsylvanians get vaccinated as easily as possible. Information on specific locations that have vaccine inventory is available to make scheduling efficient. Visit the website [here](#).

Consider joining [Getting Pittsburgh Vaccinated - COVID-19 Appointment Tip Page | Facebook](#):

- This facebook group collects information on how to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Visit the page [here](#).

Subscribe to Allegheny Alerts:

- You can customize your subscription to include alerts from Allegheny County's Health Department on vaccine availability. Sign up for Allegheny Alerts [here](#).
- ***New:*** Allegheny Alerts now sends notifications for telephone vaccine appointment availability through the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania 2-1-1.

Regularly visit [COVID-19 Vaccine Information | COVID-19 | Health Department | Allegheny County](#):

- Here you can schedule an appointment with the County Health Department's Monroeville clinic.

PA Department of Health, [Where Can I Get Vaccinated?](#):

- Use this tool to zoom in on a map of vaccine providers in your area. Click on the location for contact information to schedule an appointment.

Continually check with local health systems, pharmacies, or federally funded community clinics who are scheduling their own appointments.

Unemployment Compensation Update



Who is eligible for
**MIXED
EARNERS**
**UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION?**

INDIVIDUALS MUST:

- Be receiving an unemployment benefit from a program other than Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA).
- Be receiving an unemployment benefit for claims week(s) covered by the MEUC program, which are January 2, 2021 through March 13, 2021.
- Have at least \$5,000 in net income from self-employment in the applicable tax year.
- Apply for the MEUC program and submit documentation which clearly shows \$5,000 net income.

NOTE: Your self-employment income will be checked against L&I's records and shared with the PA Department of Revenue. Any self-employment not previously disclosed may be investigated.

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www.uc.pa.gov

New Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) Program -- Application Deadline March 12, 2021

Are you someone who filed for traditional Unemployment Compensation and were unable to include self-employment income in your base year? You may qualify for the new [MEUC Program](#) which compensates workers with multiple sources of income with an extra \$100 weekly benefit between January 2, 2021 and March 13, 2021!

MEUC Eligibility Requirements

- You must be receiving an unemployment benefit from a program other than Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA).
- You must be receiving an unemployment benefit for claims week(s) covered by the MEUC program, which are January 2, 2021 through March 13, 2021.
- You must have at least \$5,000 in documented net income from self-employment during the most recent taxable year.
- You must apply for the MEUC program and submit documentation which clearly shows \$5,000 net income.

Apply Online:

- Log in as if you are filing biweekly claims at uc.pa.gov.
- Click the “MEUC” button and follow the instructions to submit your application.
- Choose the option to upload self-employment financial documentation within the application.
- If you do not have your documents ready at the time of application, you will be able to upload them later.
- **The deadline set by the federal government to submit all MEUC online applications and required documentation is Friday, March 12, 2021.**

Apply by mail:

- Include the required documentation with your mailed application.
- Mail your application to:

Department of Labor & Industry
1316 State Street
Erie, PA 16501

- Paper MEUC applications and required documentation must be postmarked by Saturday, March 13, 2021, per the federal government.

1099 Forms for Unemployment Compensation



Taxpayers who receive unemployment compensation are encouraged to watch their mailboxes during the tax season for the 1099G tax form that is required to file your federal tax returns.

Learn more at
revenue.pa.gov



Information on the UC-1099G and PUA-1099G:

Our [February 10, 2021 District 38 Update](#) alerted unemployment claimants to include amounts from their 1099G form on their 2020 tax returns. We also detailed how to request a replacement or corrected form and report fraudulent claims. You can read the full article, *Unemployment Recipients Must Have a 1099G to File 2020 Taxes*, [here](#).

This week we thought it was important to re-emphasize the following information from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (L & I):

Before requesting a corrected 1099G claimants should be sure to include ALL gross unemployment payments, including any Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) or Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) payments.

- For Regular UC, requests for corrected UC-1099G should be submitted through a state legislative office. The request must include a copy of the “incorrect” UC-1099G and an explanation of what they believe it should be.

o Call us at 412-364-0469 or email us at SenatorLindseyWilliams@pasenate.com to have our staff request a UC-1099G correction.

- For PUA, you must submit a request for a corrected PUA-1099G through this link: <https://expressforms.pa.gov/apps/pa/DLI/PUA-1099G-Inquiry>.

Notify L & I immediately of fraudulent claims. Anyone who received a 1099-G tax form for 2020, but did not apply for unemployment benefits, should fill out the fraud form below right away. This is a crucial step as it allows L&I to investigate and alert the IRS that corrections to your income are needed.

- <https://www.uc.pa.gov/pages/report-fraud-here.aspx>
- **If your corrected 1099G form will not arrive in time to file your taxes, [IRS guidance](#) states: “taxpayers who are unable to obtain a timely, corrected 1099G form from states should still file an accurate tax return, reporting only the income they received.”**



Get affordable health coverage for you and your family this Open Enrollment.

Enroll today at pennie.com



Pennie is reopening the health insurance marketplace!

Pennsylvanians who have recently lost health coverage or have been affected by COVID-19 can visit [Pennie | Connecting Pennsylvanians to Health Coverage](#) <https://pennie.com> and enroll in a plan from February 15 through May 15.



Snow Removal Issues?

Snow and ice removal issues on your road? Visit <http://alleghenycounty.us/whoplowsmyroad> to find out whom to call.

Good News



Plan your 2022 PA Camping Trip with your Pet!

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) plans to add more than 130 new “pet friendly” sites at six state parks for the 2022 camping season. Sites include:

Cook Forest, Clarion County, (15 sites); French Creek, Berks County, (two cabins); Poe Valley, Centre County, (13); Prince Gallitzin State Park, Cambria County, (82 in Hickory and Birch loops); Pymatuning, Crawford County, (number to be determined); and R.B. Winter, Union County, (26 sites and one cottage).

Payable at time of reservation, fees will cover added maintenance and program costs at participating parks. Fees are \$5 per night for dogs in cabins, deluxe cottages and yurts; \$3 per night for standard camping cottages; and \$2 per night for campsites.

Check [DCNR's website](#) for a complete list of participating state parks and detailed regulations governing pet programs.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have by phone at 412-364-0469 (Ross Office), 724-224-2131 (Harrison Office) or by email at SenatorLindseyWilliams@pasenate.com. My staff will return your call/email within 24 hours (Monday-Friday).

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