



## Meeting Next Week!

Join Us on April 12th!

Our next coalition meeting will be held **Wednesday, April 12th @ 9:00am!**

**Meeting Link:** [https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting\\_Mjg2Njc5ZDEtYzNhNi00ODczLTk3ZjMtNTM2NzkyY2JlY2E1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2283ce47df-3fb4-4bdb-9a76-992e9e740769%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22914bc7a7-18de-41e3-8e5a-c3ad4735392f%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_Mjg2Njc5ZDEtYzNhNi00ODczLTk3ZjMtNTM2NzkyY2JlY2E1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2283ce47df-3fb4-4bdb-9a76-992e9e740769%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22914bc7a7-18de-41e3-8e5a-c3ad4735392f%22%7d)

Meeting Agenda

February Meeting  
Minutes

## Advertisements with Republican Herald!

Updated ads created by Outright will be featured in the Republican Herald

- Ads will be in both print and digital format
- Print ads will be 1/4 page, full color, and will be in the paper every other day
- Digital ads were featured on the Republican Herald website as "digital reveal ads" that pop up when you access the website
- Will feature the Schuylkill County Immunization Coalition logo on every ad

An advertisement for immunization featuring a smiling man carrying a young girl on his shoulders against a blue sky background. The text reads: "IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS. Keep your family safe. Get them vaccinated." Below the text are logos for IMMUNIZEPA.ORG, SCIC (Schuylkill County Immunization Coalition), PAIC (Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition), and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), which is dedicated to the health of all children.

## Schuylkill County COVID Update: As of March 31, 2023

health.pa.gov



### Weekly Schuylkill County COVID Update

- Cumulative Cases (per 100K): 30,313
- Fully vaccinated: 85,661
- First dose in 2-dose series: 84,515
- First booster: 43,811
- Bivalent booster: 15,573
- Total vaccines administered: 239,782
- Community Level\*: **Low**



\*Obtained from cdc.gov

## New Webinar! Understanding Local Impacts of the Public Health Emergency Ending

On May 11th the COVID-19 public health emergency ends, leaving many community-based organizations and workforces wondering how this transition will impact their local community. With [changes to COVID-19 protections](#), as well as public health emergency provisions such as [food](#), [telehealth](#) and [Medicaid coverage](#), there is an opportunity for misinformation to spread, worsening communication gaps around the critical information needed during this time. In this 90-minute webinar, experts will discuss the key takeaways to know during this time, including:

- The immediate, most important impacts of the public health emergency ending;
- Culturally competent resources available to communities;
- Bright spot examples of equity-driven and community-centric long term public health safety plans; and
- Potential roadblocks and upcoming opportunities to prevent disease and promote healthy communities.

**Webinar takes place on Tuesday, April 11th at 2:00PM ET**

[Register Here](#)

The annual PAIC meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14th from 1:00-4:00pm at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA. Both in-person and virtual attendance is available.

**Speakers:**

- Dr. Sameh Boktor, an epidemiologist from the PA DOH, presenting: [Adult Vaccinations](#)
- Beth Till, the program manager from the Montgomery County Immunization Coalition, presenting: [Tips to Building and Sustaining Immunization Coalitions](#).

[Register Here](#)

## Vaccine News and Resources

**On March 14, FDA amended the emergency use authorization (EUA) of the [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent](#).**

This allows for a single bivalent booster dose in children age 6 months through 4 years to be given after completing the 3-dose primary series of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine already authorized for this age group.

FDA Press Release: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA Authorizes Bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine as Booster Dose for Certain Children 6 Months through 4 Years of Age](#) (3/14/23)

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**[Back to School Vaccine Planning Starts Now](#):**

NACCHO is hosting Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health International Vaccine Access Center and KFF Greater Than COVID for a webinar to share digital tools health departments can include in their strategies for COVID-19 vaccine confidence and uptake as students return to school in the fall. Learn about a customizable chatbot and FAQ videos featuring trusted healthcare experts available rights-free to use on your websites, newsletters, and social media.

Thursday, April 6, 3:00 PM ET.

[Register Here](#)

**Join us for the 27th Pennsylvania Immunization Conference jointly sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Penn State College of Medicine. Held on June 15th, 2023.**

[More Info/Register here!](#)

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**Vaccinate Your Family releases its 2023 "State of the ImmUnion" Report**

Vaccinate Your Family (VYF) released its annual State of the ImmUnion report, distributed to policy makers in Washington, DC. The report examines the strength of our country's defenses against vaccine-preventable diseases. Notably, it points out what we can do to make our country more resilient against emerging health threats.

[Read Report Here](#)

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**Lucira announces US launch of combo COVID-flu home test**

Lucira today announced the US launch of its at-home combination COVID-19 and flu test, the first of its kind, following the February emergency use authorization (EUA) from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The introductory price is \$34.99, and the product is available on the company's [website](#).

[Read More Here](#)

Thank you for being a part of our small but mighty immunization coalition! Thanks to people like you, we can continue to bring valuable and important vaccine information and events to the residents of Schuylkill County. As always, if you have suggestions or event proposals for SCIC to take part in, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Stay safe and healthy!

-The Schuylkill County Immunization Coalition

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