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SOURCES FOR CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION FROM THE JEFFERSON

Coronavirus – COVID-19

We know we've been sharing programs and publications, but we wanted to ensure you have access to critical resources when it comes to keeping up with COVID-19. That's why we've put together this quick guide. It's by no means definitive but offers links to organizations keeping us all informed from the local to the national levels.

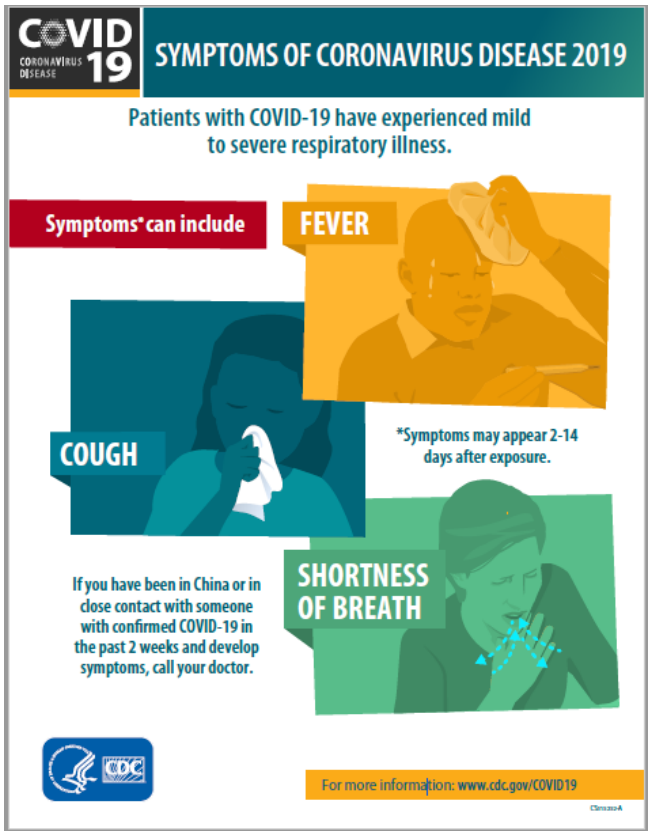
Sources for Coronavirus Information from the Jefferson Educational Society

What is the Coronavirus – COVID-19?

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new virus that causes respiratory illness in people and is extremely contagious. Symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, and diarrhea.

Where can I get tested in Erie County, Pennsylvania area?

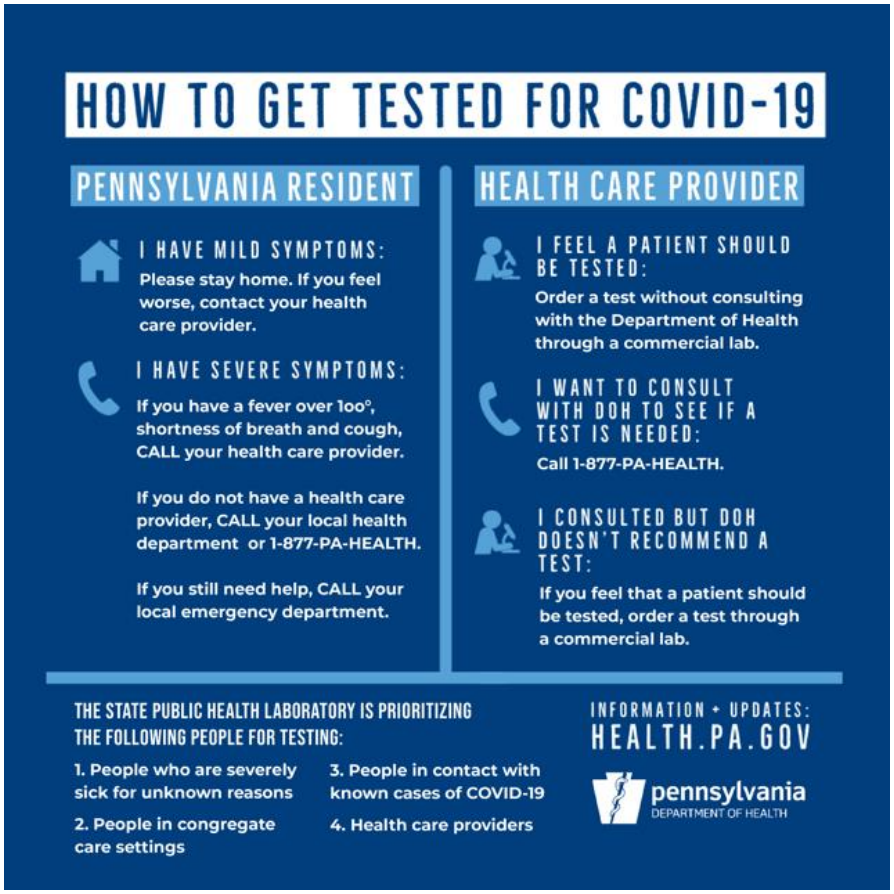
https://www.ahn.org/news/03-18-2020/ahn-to-open-4-drive-collection-sites-covid-19-testing-throughout-western-pa



According to AHN's website, "Allegheny Health Network (AHN) has a drive-thru site at 4247 West Ridge Road, Erie, PA 16506. This sight is not open to the public and requires a physician's referral. If you are experiencing symptoms consistent with the COVID-19 specimen, please contact your healthcare provider."

https://www.upmc.com/coronavirus

According to UPMC's website, "UPMC has developed a test for the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 — the virus that causes COVID-19 — and will use this test to diagnose select, symptomatic cases. Regional COVID-19 nasal specimen collection sites are now open in Altoona, Erie, Harrisburg, and Williamsport to enhance local testing efforts. These sites are not open to the general public. Patients must have a physician referral approved by UPMC's infection prevention team and an appointment to have their specimen collected for testing by either UPMC or public health authorities. Walk-in patients cannot be tested. Testing capacity is dependent upon resources and is finite."



Sources for Information from Health Departments, Hospitals, and Universities

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

- The CDC is the leading national public health institute of the United States. This link provides information about the coronavirus including how to protect yourself, what to do if you are sick, and the latest updates and cases in the U.S.

Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDH):
https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx

- The PDH's mission is s to promote healthy behaviors, prevent injury and disease, and to assure the safe delivery of quality health care for all people in Pennsylvania. This link provides information about the coronavirus including the latest updates and cases in Pennsylvania, a state and global map of COVID-19, and several resources for guidance on current Pennsylvania orders surrounding the virus.

Erie County Department of Health:
https://eriecountypa.gov/departments/health/resources/cdc-coronavirus-disease-2019/

- The ECDA is used for the purpose of preserving, promoting and protecting the health, safety, and well-being of the people and the environment in Erie County. This link directs you to the COVID-19 home page with links to symptoms, testing information, and how-tos for reducing stigma around the virus.

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) - UPMC Hamot:
https://www.upmc.com/coronavirus

- UPMC is a health care provider and insurer, based in Pittsburgh. This link directs readers to a page with facts about the coronavirus including how to find help, testing at UPMC, visitor restrictions, what COVID-19 is, and how to donate to the hospital.

Allegheny Health Network (AHN) - Saint Vincent Hospital: https://www.ahn.org/coronavirus;

- AHN is a health network with several hospitals including Saint Vincent Hospital in Erie. This link provides information about the COVID-19 response, including where to go if you believe you have the virus, FAQs about COVID-19, and links to other official sites with important information.

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM): https://lecomhealth.com/coronavirus/

- LECOM is a graduate school of medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy with a main campus in Erie, Pennsylvania, and branch campuses located in Greensburg, Pennsylvania and Bradenton, Florida. This site provides readers with the LECOM Health COVID-19 Protocol including what facilities will be open or closed, what to do to prepare for an upcoming appointment, and recommendations to avoid getting the virus.

National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases (NIAID): https://www.niaid.nih.gov/diseases-conditions/coronaviruses

- NIAID is one of the 27 institutes and centers that make up the National Institutes of Health, an agency of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. This link provides information about the coronavirus in both an overview and for researchers, why the coronavirus is a priority for the institute, and how they are addressing the topic. NIAID also provides links to recent news articles about testing sights, funding, and imaging of the virus.

World Health Organization (WHO): https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_1

- WHO is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for international public health, a part of the U.N. Sustainable Development Group, and has primary roles including directing international health within the United Nations' system and leading partners in global health responses. This link provides information including an overview of the coronavirus, how to prevent getting the

virus, symptoms of the virus, as well as a variety of research and guidance.

Johns Hopkins University: https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/

- Johns Hopkins University is a university in Baltimore. Johns Hopkins experts in global public health, infectious disease, and emergency preparedness have been at the forefront of the international response to COVID-19. This website is a resource to help advance the understanding of the virus, inform the public, and brief policymakers in order to guide a response, improve care, and save lives. The site includes an interactive map, updated numbers on cases, articles referring to the virus, and basic COVID-19 facts.

Robert Koch Institute:
https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Situationsberichte/Gesamt.html

- The Robert Koch Institute is a German federal government agency and research institute responsible for disease control and prevention with locations in Berlin and Wernigerode. As an upper federal agency, it is subordinate to the Federal Ministry of Health. This website provides daily updated statistics about the coronavirus worldwide and in Germany including statistics on spread, location, and assessments of the virus.

Avi Loeb's Piece on Flattening the Curve:
https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/flattening-the-covid-19-curves/?fbclid=IwAR1VYMhcF7Qee7VCsv9VX2Jeub8kxUyj6dH5ZDaDOdag8J6onM-li2RVvFI

- Avi Loeb is chair of the astronomy department at Harvard University, founding director of Harvard's Black Hole Initiative and director of the Institute for Theory and Computation at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. Dr. Loeb was also a speaker at the Jefferson's Global Summit XI. This piece he wrote highlights what it means to flatten the curve and explains the necessity of doing so.