



Chester County COVID-19 Monitoring Report

Most Current 7 Days: 09/17/2021–09/23/2021

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Introduction

The data provided below are used to monitor COVID-19 in Chester County. Data is updated once a week. All data, including historical data, is updated each time this report is published as additional data becomes available through reporting and case investigations. Hence, data is considered provisional.

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County Transmission Level

County transmission level is used to categorize the overall transmission of COVID-19 in Chester County. Both incidence rate and percent positivity are considered in determining the transmission level. Each are calculated for a 7-day period and assessed against standard ranges for each level (see additional information at the end of the report). If the two data points suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected. Below is Chester County’s current transmission level as calculated by the Chester County Health Department and Pennsylvania Department of Health. The transmission level calculated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) may differ based upon the inclusion of probable cases and which date field is used in the calculation.



Cumulative Incidence Rate per 100,000

Cumulative incidence rate is a public health measure that summarizes the number of new COVID-19 cases. The lower the incidence rate, the lower the number of new cases. This measure is calculated by dividing the total number of confirmed¹ cases by the population² for a specific time period, and is expressed as a rate per 100,000 people. The rate is calculated for 7-day periods beginning with the most current week as Week 1 and looking back three weeks in the tables below.

7 Day Period	Positive Case Count	Incidence Rate per 100,000	Additional Data
Week 1	635	120.95	Local Incidence Rates
Week 2	659	125.53	
Week 3	529	100.76	
Week 4	592	112.76	
Weeks 1-4 Average	603.75	115.00	

¹ Confirmed cases are those confirmed through a laboratory test.

² Chester County Population = 524,989



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Percent Positivity

Percent positivity is a public health measure that shows the percentage of all PCR COVID-19 tests performed that are positive. This measure is calculated by dividing the total number of positive PCR tests by the total number of all PCR tests (positives + negatives) for a specific time period, and is expressed as a percent. If individuals are tested multiple times, each test result is counted. The percent is calculated for 7-day periods beginning with the most current week as Week 1 and looking back three weeks in the tables below.

7 Day Period	Positive PCR Tests Count	All PCR Tests Count	Percent PCR Positivity
Week 1 (most current)	744	11,939	6.23%
Week 2	691	10,972	6.30%
Week 3	574	8,805	6.52%
Week 4	637	9,845	6.47%
Total for All Weeks	2,646	41,561	6.37%

New Cases by Age

AGE	#Past 7 Days	% Past 7 Days	AGE	#Past 30 Days	% Past 30 Days	AGE	# Cumulative	% Cumulative
0-9	86	13.54%	0-9	340	13.09%	0-9	1,890	4.97%
10-19	122	19.21%	10-19	403	15.52%	10-19	5,428	14.27%
20-29	86	13.54%	20-29	385	14.82%	20-29	7,030	18.48%
30-39	91	14.33%	30-39	392	15.09%	30-39	5,207	13.69%
40-49	64	10.08%	40-49	309	11.90%	40-49	4,954	13.02%
50-59	77	12.13%	50-59	323	12.44%	50-59	5,752	15.12%
60-69	59	9.29%	60-69	241	9.28%	60-69	3,868	10.17%
70-79	26	4.09%	70-79	123	4.74%	70-79	1,959	5.15%
80-89	14	2.20%	80-89	57	2.19%	80-89	1,250	3.29%
90-99	10	1.57%	90-99	22	0.85%	90-99	679	1.78%
Total	635	100.00%	100-109	1	0.04%	100+	22	0.06%
			Unknown	1	0.04%	Unknown	3	0.01%
			Total	2,597	100.00%	Total	38,042	100.00%



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Case Counts for Children Ages 0-18 Years

For the 2021-2022 school year, the PA Department of Health provides weekly updated case counts for two age groups: 0-4 capturing preschool and daycare age children and 5-18 capturing kindergarten through high school age children. Case counts are updated on **Thursdays** for the previous week and cumulative since August 16, 2021 by county of residence. Exposures may have occurred in a variety of settings including the community, household/family, or the school setting. The case counts presented are total case counts in these age groups and are not necessarily cases exposed in school, preschool or day care settings. The location of exposure cannot be determined for the vast majority of cases. Source: Pennsylvania National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS): [Case Count for Pre-School and School-Aged Children by County of Resident](#)

Case Counts by ZIP Code

The ZIP code level data for COVID-19 cases as reported through the PA National Electronic Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS) can be found at the PA Department of Health website: [Case Counts by ZIP Code](#)

Vaccination Levels

Vaccination levels are provided as of December 2020, when COVID-19 vaccine became available in Chester County. This data has been aggregated from data provided to the Pennsylvania Statewide Immunization Information System and Philadelphia Department of Public Health. It does not include individuals vaccinated in federal facilities (such as veteran’s hospital or federal prison), and outside of Pennsylvania, hence, these data are estimates.

Age Group	# Partially Vax	# Fully Vax	# At Least 1 Vax ¹	Age Population	% Partially Vax	% Fully Vax	% At Least 1 Vax ¹
Age <10	0	0	0	59,767	0%	0%	0%
Age 10-14	2,358	10,705	13,063	36,210	7%	30%	36%
Age 15-19	3,519	21,720	25,742	37,079	9%	59%	69%
Age 20-24	2,728	17,253	20,881	32,756	8%	53%	64%
Age 25-34	5,068	35,794	42,983	60,414	8%	59%	71%
Age 35-44	4,932	43,994	51,428	65,560	8%	67%	78%
Age 45-54	4,751	48,371	55,441	70,439	7%	69%	79%
Age 55-59	2,451	27,162	30,650	39,292	6%	69%	78%
Age 60-64	2,538	27,066	30,380	36,118	7%	75%	84%
Age 65-74	4,403	43,458	48,983	50,678	9%	86%	97%
Age 75-84	2,218	23,200	25,896	25,346	9%	92%	102%
Age 85+	1,224	9,226	10,583	11,330	11%	81%	93%
Total	36,190	307,949	356,028	524,989	7%	59%	68%

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≥ 12 Years	36,190	307,949	356,028	450,738	8%	68%	79%
≥ 18 Years	33,832	297,244	342,965	407,023	8%	73%	84%
Total	36,190	307,949	356,028	524,989	7%	59%	68%

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Test Results and Deaths

Test result and death data have been collected since March 2020. Test results are classified as either positive or negative and include all types of tests. The table below provides a 7 day, 30 day, and cumulative count of COVID test results and deaths.

	Last 7 Days	Last 30 Days	Cumulative ¹
Positive Tests	635	2,597	38,042
Negative Tests	3,487	13,484	256,058
Deaths	0	5	839

¹ Since March 2020.

Additional Information on County Transmission Level

The below table provides the ranges for incidence rate and positivity rate used to determine COVID transmission levels, and the overall approach used to prevent further transmission. Please see [CDC's COVID Data Tracker](#) for more detailed data from all areas of Pennsylvania and the U.S.

County Transmission Level	7-Day Incidence Rate per 100,000	7-Day Percent Positivity	Overall Approach
Low	<10	<5.0%	Largely through individual prevention behaviors and public health's identification and isolation of cases and clusters.
Moderate	10-49	5.0% - 7.9%	Adherence to individual and selected community level prevention strategies
Substantial	50 - 99	8.0% - 9.9%	Limiting of some everyday activities to limit contact between individuals
High	≥100	≥10%	Significant limiting of a variety of activities to limit contact between individuals and preserve essential community activities and services