

Local virus info

The Bethlehem Gadfly coronavirus November 10, 2020

 *Latest in a series of posts on the coronavirus* 

Here's a November 4 memo about the local coronavirus that Health Director Wenrich provided for the Rosemont Block Watch meeting tonight, 6PM, Borderline Restaurant.

Good Afternoon-

I wanted to provide you with a COVID-19 update for your block watch meeting.

-Total Bethlehem Cases as of 11/3/20: 1,806

-Total Bethlehem deaths as of 11/3/20: 83

-Bethlehem Incidence rate (most recent 7-day period): 130.6 per 100,000 (this is higher than the incidence rate for Northampton and Lehigh Counties)

-Bethlehem average age of confirmed cases (most recent 7-day period): 36 years of age

-The Bethlehem Health Bureau partnered with the Latino Connection, St. Luke's University Health Network, and Star Wellness on two COVID-19 community testing events held last week at Marvine Elementary and

the Hispanic Center. A total of 140 individuals were tested through these efforts.

-The Bethlehem Health Bureau is planning two large flu vaccine clinics for the month of November. A clinic will be held at Northeast Ministries on November 5th from 9:00-12:00 and at East Hills Middle School on November 14th from 10:00-1:00.

-The Bethlehem Health Bureau is currently planning and preparing for mass COVID-19 vaccine clinics. We have weekly planning calls with the Department of Health but timeframes as to when the vaccine will be available are still fluid.

-The Pennsylvania Department of Health recently released a COVID Alert App. The app was designed to assist in alerting individuals who come into close proximity to an individual who later tests positive for COVID-19. The COVID Alert PA app can be downloaded in the Google Play Store or Apple App Store.

-Bethlehem has a COVID-19 dashboard that provides updates to the public on a daily basis. This website is available at <https://bethlehem-pa.gov>

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