

CAAP News Update



The Symposium and DCED Fiscal Training Will Be Rescheduled to Later This Year, No ROMA or Governance Trainings Will Be Conducted by CAAP Until Pandemic Ends

Governor Wolf has announced restricted travel and meetings, trainings and conferences for state employees due to COVID-19.

Following his lead, and out of concern for the well-being of our membership, CAAP is postponing the Symposium and all other trainings such as Governance and ROMA. The DCED Fiscal training, which was incorporated into the Symposium dates and location, is also postponed.

As of this moment, **we cannot tell you when** the Symposium will be rescheduled; but we will follow the State lead and will keep close watch on the ongoing status of the coronavirus in Pennsylvania.

We are very disappointed about postponing the Symposium because we believe we put together an excellent program, but we look forward to rescheduling it in the near future.

Regarding cancelling your hotel rooms: we will be meeting later today with the hotel and will determine then the best way to cancel your rooms, whether we can do a blanket cancellation or whether you need to do it individually.

Meantime, if you have any questions, please contact <u>Susan</u> or <u>Dan</u>.

Coronavirus COVID-19

Governor Tom Wolf and Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine yesterday afternoon provided an <u>update</u> on the state's COVID-19 mitigation efforts, including one new presumptive positive case in Pike County, bringing the state's total to 22, and guidance on how to reduce the spread of the virus. The update gave further meaning to our decision to postpone CAAP events until this pandemic has passed or is significantly reduced. If you need to review the substance of their update, click here.

Here are some other links that might prove helpful as you decide how your agency should deal with effects of COVID-19:

PA Department of Health Latest Update on Statistics.

PA Department of Health General Questions/Answers on COVID-19

Office of Community Services March 12, 2020 Dear Colleague Letter detailing the Community Action network's continued engagement and partnership with us to address and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

CAPLAW guidance:

Managing Coronavirus Risks: What Should the Community Action Network Think About?

Coronavirus Updates for the Community Action Network

The Community Action Partnership issued a March 11, 2020 newsletter with a National Partners Joint Statement on Coronavirus and much information from all our national partners. If you need a copy with hyperlinks, please <a href="mailto:em

CAAP's Statement on the Effects of the Coronavirus on Low-Income People

The above information is uploaded on our CAAP's <u>Coronavirus COVID-19 Resources</u> <u>webpage</u>. If you have more questions related to Community Action and managing coronavirus risks, please write <u>Susan</u> and <u>Dan</u> and we will do our best to find an answer or resource.

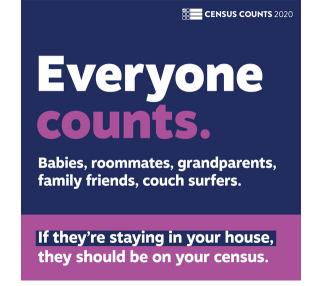
2020 Census is here

Yesterday homes across the country begin to receive their first invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. It's go time! The **Community Action Partnership** hase been working with the **Census Counts campaign**, a collaborative campaign housed at The Leadership Conference Education Fund, to prepare our network for the next four months. The Partnership has the resources and the training you need to Get Out the Count!



Remember, this is a marathon, not a sprint! The Census is underway, and early response is important, but it *can be completed as late as July 31st*. There's still time to train your staff and be prepared to talk about the Census with your customers. Here are a few ways to do that:

- <20 min Training Video & PowerPoint: The basics what, why and how to help. Show at a staff
 or board meeting or email it to staff to watch
 - 2 pager FAQs for Staff: email them the link or print copies
 - 7 min video: a quick primer that goes over basics & FAQs Short Videos: 14, all <2 mins each for staff & Social Media
 - Use Social Media:
- Share a graphic.through Twitter or Facebook.
- Join United Way and Feeding America in their 2020 Census Digital Day of Action today. To help
 you get started, check out the <u>2020 Census Digital Day of Action toolkit</u>, which includes social
 media copy, graphics, and additional resources.
 - Change your call to action to direct people to <u>My2020Census.gov</u> to fill out their household questionnaire with their unique ID.





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