



**Beaver County Collaborative Action Network
Board Meeting (held via Zoom)
Meeting ID: 805 122 0523
October 14, 2020**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Board Guest Speaker – Beaver County Commissioners Jack Manning
- III. Welcome to the Board – New Board member Pastor Carlton Vreen
- IV. November Board Guest Speaker will be Mr. Don O'Neill BC Adult Probation
Mission Statement: We unite community leaders through collaboration, networking and quality trainings to improve the organizations that positively impact Beaver County.
Vision Statement: All residents of Beaver County will thrive socially and economically as a result of organizational collaboration, resource sharing and progressive leadership.
- V. Finances
 1. Huntington Checking Account – see Financial Report
 2. Checks: L. Scaff – October 2020 Technology \$90.00
 3. Greenbriar – Ryan West speaker fee for Poverty & Addiction Training \$300.00
 4. Pacer Studios – Webinar Hosting Fee for Poverty & Addiction Training \$1,800.00
 5. Greenbriar – Ken Montrose speaker fee for Compassion Fatigue \$300.00
 6. Pacer Studios – Webinar Hosting Fee for Compassion Fatigue \$1,800.00
 7. Pacer Studios – Webinar Hosting Fee for Navigating Homeless & Housing \$1,800.00
 8. 2020-21 Budget YTD
- VI. BCCAN Monthly Report
 1. Three Fall Trainings: Hosted by Pacer – via Webinar on Zoom
 - i. Poverty & Addiction October 1, 2020 Ryan West Attendees: 113
 - ii. Compassion Fatigue October 8, 2020 Ken Montrose Attendees: 62
 - iii. Navigating the Homeless System in BC Oct 13, 2020 Attendees: 106
Presenters: Cornerstone/Womens Center/Coordinated Entry/Franklin Center
 - iv. HR Forum with Attorney McCreary – January 6, 2021 via Zoom 10 am
- VII. Ad Hoc Nominating Committee Report – Eric Rosendale, Joanne Koehler, Jodi Oliver
 - i. Nominations for Officers presented for discussion and vote
- VIII. Agency Updates
- IX. Specific COVID issues– see attached COVID – Tracing APP FAQ's
- X. Winter preparedness
- XI. Knowledge of Agencies unstable, in jeopardy of closing?

XII. UPCOMING BOARD MEETING AND TRAINING DATES

November 4, 2020	Executive Committee Meeting	via Zoom	Noon – 2pm
November 12, 2020	Full Board Meeting	via Zoom	Noon – 2 pm
December 2, 2020	Executive Committee Meeting	via Zoom	Noon – 2pm
December 9, 2020	Full Board Meeting	via Zoom	Noon – 2 pm
January 6, 2021	HR Forum with Attorney McCreary	via Zoom	10 am – Noon

XIII. Adjournment – Next Meeting Thursday, November 12, 2020 via Zoom – moved 1 day due to Veterans Holiday!! Mark your Calendars for this new Date

BCCAN Financial Report

The Huntington National Bank (Primary Account)

Checking Account Balance 09-01-2020 \$ 21,204.79

Deposits & Credits

Not Posted Posted

Expenses

Not Posted Posted

Lynell Scaff Sept Technology

90.00

Lynell Scaff Oct Technology

90.00

Checking Account Balance 09/30/2020

\$ 21,024.79

The Huntington National Bank (VOAD)

Checking Account Balance 09/30/2020

\$ 153.83

Beaver County Collaborative Action Network Foundation
Minutes of the Advisory Board of Directors Meeting

September 9, 2020

Attendance: Paulette Miller, Chair; Rick Riley, Vice Chair; Darlene Thomas, Secretary; Brian Yaworsky, Treasurer; Gerard Mike, Immediate Past Chair; Joanne Koehler, Executive Board Member at Large; Cheryl King; Jodi Oliver; Tami, Ozegovich; Eric Rosendale; Mike Rubino; Marie Timpano; Lynell Scaff, Coordinator

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	MOTIONS
September 9, 2020 BCCAN Board Meeting - ZOOM	The September 9, 2020, BCCAN executive board meeting was held by ZOOM due to the CDC's COVID-19 guidelines for social distancing. Executive Director, Paulette Miller opened the meeting at 12:04pm.	
Review of Minutes	Minutes for the July 1, 2020 Executive Board Meeting were previously emailed to the representatives of partner agencies. The board members did not express any changes needed to the minutes.	
Bills/Financials	<p>Lynell Scaff reviewed the bills/financials for the end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year for the board members along with the bills for July and August, 2020.</p> <p>Lynell also reviewed the budget vs. actual and reported that the 2019-2020 remaining training dollars due to COVID-19 cancellations will be moved to 2020-2021 fiscal year budget for webinar trainings.</p> <p>Lynell reported that PA Link has contacted her and would like to donate funds toward the 2020-21 training. These funds will be used for the additional expenses from Pacer Studios to convert the training to webinars.</p> <p>After the review of the minutes and bills/financials, Gerard Mike made a motion <i>"To accept the minutes and bills/financials"</i>. Rick Riley seconded the motion; none opposed.</p>	<i>Minutes, and Bills/Financials approved</i>
Monthly Report	<p>Trainings: Pacer Studios will host closed environment webinar trainings with a maximum capacity of 150 registrations per event. Lynell Scaff will take names for a wait list when the registrations meet the maximum capacity.</p> <p>The "Poverty & Addiction" training webinar will be held on October 1, 2020. The presenter will be Ryan West.</p> <p>The October, 8, 2020 webinar training will be on "Compassion Fatigue". The presenter will be Ken Montrose from Greenbriar.</p>	<p>Webinars: Poverty & Addiction October 1, 2020</p> <p>Compassion Fatigue October 8, 2020 Navigating the Homeless System in Beaver County</p>

Monthly Report continued...

The "Navigating the Homeless System in Beaver County" training webinar will be presented by a collaboration from the Cornerstone of Beaver County, the Women's Center, Coordinated Entry and the Franklin Center on October 13, 2020.

Agency members of the directory listing on the newly launched BCCAN website have received emails in August 2020 requesting updated information on the BCCAN website. Agencies that do not respond after multiple contacts will be deleted from the website after December 31, 2020.

BCCAN Executive and Advisory Board meeting will be held online via Zoom through January, 2021.

Lynell Scaff reported that she had spoken multiple times with Pastor Carlton Vreen of the Word of Life Christian Worship Center to discuss becoming a board member for BCCAN.

After the board members had short discussion, Mike Rubino made the motion "to appoint Carlton Vreen as a board member of BCCAN". Marie Timpano seconded the motion; none opposed.

Lynell will email the new board member packet and invite Pastor Vreen to attend the October 14, 2020 BCCAN meeting.

Attorney McCreary will be in attendance at the January, 2021 BCCAN meeting for to present a HR training session. Questions to be discussed at the session can be emailed to Lynell Scaff.

The BCCAN Ad hoc committee will contact the current BCCAN officers to see if each officer is interested in continuing in their current position.

Two additional topics are needed for the spring BCCAN trainings. The suggestions of topics submitted by previous attendees was added to the September board meeting agenda. Email suggestions to Lynell Scaff.

The Beaver County 211 "2019-20" overview was attached to the meeting agenda. There were a total of 1,748 contacts during 2019-20.

Lynell asked that the board members make note that the November BCCAN meeting date will be changed to **Thursday**, November 12, 2020 due to the regular Wednesday meeting date falling on the Veterans Day.

*Carlton Vreen approved as
a BCCAN board member*

*November BCCAN Zoom
meeting changed to
Thursday, November 12,
2020*

ANNOUNCEMENTS		EVENTS
Marie Timpano, The Cornerstone of Beaver County	Marie reported that Beaver County continues to work with agencies outside of the county for sheltering men. Community Development will do a search for three possible locations of a men's shelter within the county. Cornerstone is receiving COVID funds to continue working and continues to help vets.	
Gerard Mike, Beaver County Behavioral	Gerard reported that mental health issues in the county are going okay. Numbers of those being serviced are increasing. He said that Catholic Charities is reporting an increase in anxieties and depressive symptoms during this time. The county is reporting a slight increase in the opiate overdose incidents from last year.	
Darlene Thomas, The Women's Center of Beaver County	Darlene shared that the Women's Center is using alternative shelters for homeless. This is causing a shortage of funds due to the expense of the hotel rooms. She said the Women's Center is received some COVID funding. A small CSBG grant is being used for 1 to 3 days of shelter for non-violent homeless.	
Brian Yaworsky, Housing Authority of the County of Beaver	Brian discussed issues that the Housing Authority is facing with the Eviction Moratorium and that rent relief to landlords is needed soon. Brian also expressed his gratitude to Eric Rosendale for the collaboration with the BVIU to help public housing students receive chrome books for school.	
Tami Ozegovich, Beaver County Head Start	Tami questioned Eric Rosendale as to how schools are dealing with Wi-Fi issues for students that do not have access to internet at home. Eric reported that some districts are putting up Wi-Fi antennas outside of the schools for use in the parking lot areas. She also reported having a lack of storage for the food services for Head Start.	
Eric Rosendale, Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit	Eric Rosendale reported that the county's K-12 schools have all submitted return plans. Plans include in person and virtual options. All the schools are back in session as of September 8, 2020. He also reported that feed stations are available.	
Mike Rubino, United Way of Beaver County	Mike announced that The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank will be at the Pathway Church in Chippewa on October 10, 2020 11am-1pm. Local Charities can stop by around 12:30 to pick up any leftover food packages that may be available. Mike shared the news that Major Evelyn Hopping will be taking a leave of absence from the Salvation Army due to health issues; as well as the news that Lieutenant Candace Horsman of the Aliquippa Branch of the Salvation Army will be leaving. He reported there are 5,400 workers on site at the Schell Plant. The plant has an onsite COVID testing lab and employees are being tested weekly. Mike also reported that the Beaver Valley Mall had twelve closures of businesses since the beginning of the COVID shutdowns.	

Mike Rubino, continued...	<p>Boscov's will continue with their "Friends helping Friends" fundraising event for 2020 with some changes. The event will be held for two days, October 14th and 15th, to avoid crowds and allow social distancing. Shoppers will receive a 20% discount and the non-profit of their choice will receive 5% of the purchases.</p> <p>Mike let the BCCAN members know that the United Way may be accepting applications for mini grants in October.</p> <p>He also mentioned that applications for 224 grants are being accepted and money will be distributed before January, 2021.</p>	Boscov's "Friends helping Friends" – October 14&15
Paulette Miller, BCRC, Inc.	<p>Paulette announced the BCRC, Inc., School to Work program has 40 referrals for this school year.</p> <p>School to work will have 26-28 students daily, with four students going out into the community each day.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>Cheryl King motioned "to adjourn the meeting at 1:12p.m. ", and the motion was seconded by Tami Ozegovich. None opposed; meeting adjourned.</p>	Next BCCAN meeting October 14, 2020 Noon-via-Zoom

Respectfully submitted by: Dawn Conti



Account Name	Community Business Checking	Account Number	...6474
Today's Beginning Balance	\$21,114.79	Routing Number	041215032
Pending Transactions	\$0.00	Account Nickname	Community Business Checking
Deposit Holds	\$0.00	Account Type	Community Business Checking
<hr/>		Interest Earned But Not Paid	\$0.00
Account Balance	\$21,114.79	Year-to-Date Interest	\$0.00
		Previous Year Interest	\$0.00

Transaction History

Transactions from 08/22/20 through 09/21/20

Date	Description	Type	Amount	Balance
09/09/2020	SUBSTITUTE CHECK	Check 1636	-\$90.00	\$21,114.79
08/28/2020	DEPOSIT	Deposit	\$37.00	\$21,204.79

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[EDIT TRANSACTIONS >](#)

2020-2021 BCCAN Budget

*no board mtg *no board mtg
*Aug *Jul

	Budget	Remaining	%	Spent to Date	June	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	
BCCAN EXPENSES										
Coordinator	\$32,500	\$29,071	10.55%	\$3,428.75					\$1,803.75	\$ 845.00 \$ 780.00
Assistance (Minutes/Resource Directory)	\$1,000	\$913	8.70%	\$87.00					\$39.00	\$ - \$ 48.00
P.O. Box	\$370	\$370	0.00%	\$0.00						
Technology	\$1,080	\$810	25.00%	\$270.00					\$90.00	\$90.00 \$90.00
Travel	\$1,200	\$1,055	12.08%	\$144.90					\$51.75	\$ 51.75 \$41.40
Mailings (printing/postage)	\$409	\$409	0.00%	\$0.00						
Chamber of Commerce	\$288	\$0	100.00%	\$288.00						\$288.00
Meeting Lunches/supplies	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.00%	\$0.00						
Insurance	\$1,461	\$0	100.00%	\$1,461.00						\$1,461.00
Web Site	\$1,340	\$1,340	0.00%	\$0.00						
BC 2-1-1 service	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.00%	\$0.00						
Subtotal	\$51,148	\$45,468	11.10%	\$5,679.65	##	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,984.50	\$ 986.75 \$2,708.40

TRAINING EXPENSES

Meals/Water	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.00%	\$0.00						
Trainers	\$2,000	\$1,400	30.00%	\$600.00					\$ 600.00	
Webinar with Pacer \$1800 each	\$9,000	\$3,600	60.00%	\$5,400.00					\$ 5,400.00	
211 poster art	\$1,750	\$1,750	0.00%	\$0.00						
Supplies for training	\$500	\$500	0.00%	\$0.00						
Total Training Expenses	\$14,750	\$8,750	40.68%	\$6,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 54,648	\$42,968	21.37%	\$11,679.65	###	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,984.50	\$986.75 \$2,708.40

Source of Funds

2-1-1 BCCYS, BCBH, UW	\$ 10,000	\$10,000		\$0.00						
BCBH Training Funds	\$ 5,000	\$5,000		\$0.00						
Remaining from 2020-21	\$ 7,234	\$7,234		\$0.00						
BCCYS	\$ 40,000	\$40,000		\$0.00						
Total Source of Funds	\$ 62,234	\$62,234		\$0.00	###	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

CONNECTING THROUGH



COLLABORATION

September 9, 2020

Pastor Carlton Vreen
Word of Life Christian Worship Center
Monaca, PA 15001

Dear Carlton:

The Board of Directors of BCCAN welcomes you to the Board as a member with voting rights beginning with the October 14, 2020 meeting. Your term has no time limit as long as you remain actively engaged by a Beaver County organization that you represent and remain in good standing through attendance. The bylaws of BCCAN have been forwarded to you as well as the current list of Board members you will be serving with.

Board members are covered by Directors and Officers Insurance. Currently, the BCCAN Board meets monthly on the second Wednesday of each month, normally at the BCRC 2nd Floor Conference room, located at 131 Pleasant Drive, Center Township, Aliquippa, PA 15001. The meetings are held at Noon and lunch is provided. Given the COVID-19 situation, the Board has decided to meet virtually via Zoom.

The meeting is presided over by the Board Chair, Paulette Miller. You will receive the Board agenda and previous months' minutes in an e-mail a few days prior to the meeting each month.

The upcoming Board meetings for the remainder of our fiscal year 2019-2020 are:

October 14, 2020 Full Board Meeting – Nomination of Officers – presented and for a vote (if ready)
November 12, 2020 Full Board Meeting (moved from Wednesday the 11th) due to Veterans Day Holiday
December 9, 2020 Full Board Meeting

Thank you for your willingness to serve this Board and Beaver County. Should you have any questions prior to the October 14th meeting, please contact me. You will be introduced to the entire Board and provided 5 minutes in the October agenda to introduce yourself to the members.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Lynell Scaff

BCCAN Coordinator



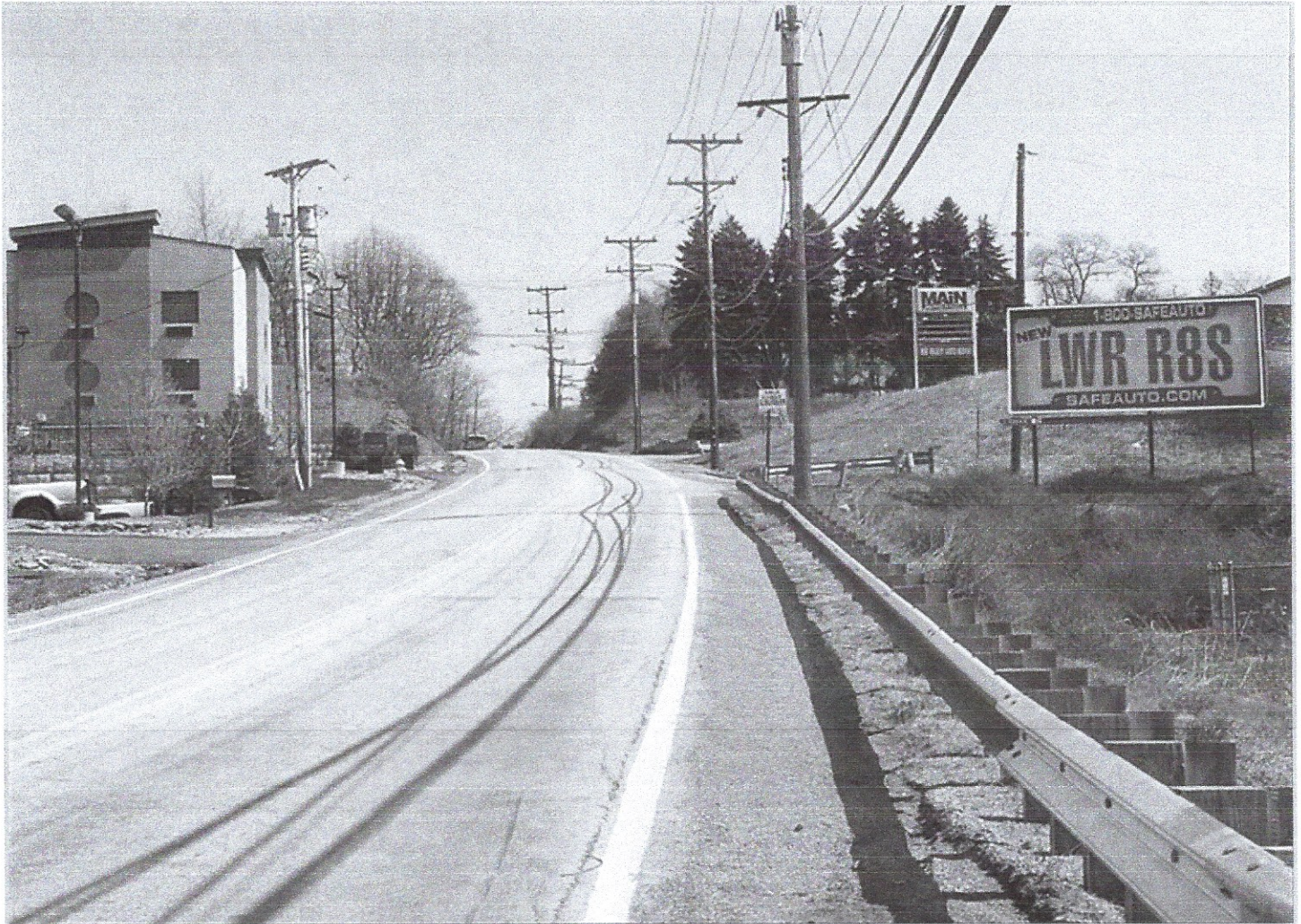
About the Agency:

- **The Beaver County Collaborative Action Network is a group of organizations and individuals working together to support the professionals and systems in Beaver County that serve children and families.**
- **The Vision of Beaver County CAN is: All residents of Beaver County will thrive socially and economically as a result of organizational collaboration, resource sharing, and progressive leadership.**
- **The Mission of Beaver County CAN is to: Unite community leaders through collaboration, networking and quality trainings to improve the organizations that positively impact Beaver County.**

PANEL #1838

N BROADHEAD RD N/L 10' E/O WILHELM

Next 211
BillBoard
LOCATION

**LOCATION #1**

ADVERTISING STRENGTHS: This unit sits along Old Brodhead Road, a heavily traveled artery in the Monaca/Beaver area. In close proximity are various residential communities, shopping and eating destinations and small businesses.

WEEKLY IMPRESSIONS: 36,535*

MEDIA TYPE/STYLE: Poster - Retro

LAT/LONG: [40.67233 / -80.30703](#)

MARKET: PITTSBURGH

GEOGRAPHIC ID: 316087

PANEL SIZE: 10' 6" x 22' 9" [View Spec Sheet](#)

VINYL SIZE: 10' 7" x 22' 10"

FACING/READ: West / Right

ILLUMINATED: NO

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 740 Trumbull Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15205



*Impression values based on: Total Population



BCCAN Update

BCCAN recently updated our website and database. To insure your agency's information is up to date, please take a moment to review your agency and program information. You can do this by clicking on the link below.

<http://bccan.org/agency-directory/>

If the link is unable to display the directory page, please copy the link and paste it to your Internet Browser's address box.

Once you find your agency, to edit your information and include your agencies logo, please visit this link to claim your listing:

<http://bccan.org/claim-your-listing/>

Simply fill in the form and we will email you with your new credentials to edit your BCCAN Agency Directory Listing.

If changes need to be made, it is important that they are made so we are providing accurate information to those in need.

If you have any questions please email, lscaff@bccan.org. Include your agency name and Contact information.

Thank you for taking the time to update your information.

Lynell Scaff

BCCAN Coordinator

COVID Alert PA Frequently Asked Questions

What is COVID Alert PA app?

COVID Alert PA is a free mobile app offered by the Pennsylvania Department of Health that is designed to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. The App uses Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) technology and the Exposure Notification System developed by the Apple and Google to help notify and give public health guidance to anyone who may have been in close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

How does the app work?

The app uses the [Exposure Notification SystemOpens In A New Window](#) developed by Apple and Google. When someone receives a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, they will receive a call from the Department of Health or their county or municipal health department within 24-72 hours. If the individual has the COVID Alert PA app on their phone, the public health representative will ask if they are willing to accept a 6-digit validation code. If the individual agrees and enters the 6-digit code in the app, they are given the option to share their random Bluetooth keys with other app users. Other app users' phones routinely check if they have ever been in close contact (e.g., within six feet for fifteen minutes or more) with a phone that shared those same Bluetooth keys. If there is a match, the app will let them know they came in close contact with someone who was diagnosed with COVID-19. This is called an Exposure Alert. The app never collects or reveals the identity of any person using the app, and never reveals who has been diagnosed as positive for COVID-19. For more information, we recommend watching [this videoOpens In A New Window](#).

How can Exposure Notifications help reduce the spread of COVID-19?

Existing traditional contact tracing processes rely on a positive individual to remember and name who they have been in contact with recently, and for how long. In many cases, positive COVID-19 individuals may not even know the people they were in close contact with (for example, if the contact happened on a bus or train, at a check-out line in a grocery store, a restaurant or some other public venue). This technology can help support traditional contact tracing efforts by notifying more people who have been in close contact with a positive COVID-19 individual at a faster rate. The app supplements traditional contact tracing processes and help stop the rapid spread of COVID-19.

What is traditional contact tracing?

All positive COVID-19 test results are required to be reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Within 24-72 hours of receiving the positive result, trained public health staff conduct an interview with the positive individual to obtain a list of close

contacts they had while infectious. Cases are considered to be infectious beginning two days before onset of symptoms or two days before the date of the positive result if the person did not have symptoms. The cases are encouraged to utilize calendars, social media, etc. to remember where and who they were around during their infectious period. During the interview, the public health staff attempt to obtain as much information as possible on the contacts (address, phone, email, etc.) and then share the contact information with the designated contact tracers. Contact tracers reach out to educate, inform and support those who had a known close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual through phone calls, texts, emails and mailings. To protect patient privacy, close contacts are only informed that they may have been exposed to an individual with COVID-19. The identity of the individual who tested positive for COVID-19 is never shared.

Do I have to use the app?

No. Download and use of the app is voluntary and you may choose to install or uninstall the app at any time.

Will the COVID Alert PA app be available for free?

Yes, the app is available for free.

Who should download the COVID Alert PA app?

This app is voluntary, but the more Pennsylvanians that adopt the app, the more effective it will be at stopping the spread of COVID. Local communities, groups, and organizations can utilize the app to help ensure people are notified when they have been in close contact with someone who tested positive, so they can take steps to protect themselves and others. We encourage Pennsylvanians who are 18 and older with a smartphone to unite against COVID by downloading the app when it is made available in September.

How can I download the app?

You can download it from the [Apple App StoreOpens In A New Window](#) or [Google Play StoreOpens In A New Window](#).

Does the app use or collect any information that can identify me or my location?

No. The app does not collect, use, or store any identity or location information. The app was designed to protect user privacy and security by ensuring users remain completely anonymous.

How does the app ensure my location is not disclosed to other app users or to the Department of Health?

No location data is used or collected in the app. The Exposure Notification Systems works through using Bluetooth Low Energy, which allows phones with the app to recognize when it is close to another phone with the app. Proximity (closeness) is the only thing detected between phones, not location.

Could someone falsely tell the app that they have tested positive for COVID-19?

No. The only way for someone with a positive COVID test result to upload their Bluetooth keys is by entering a unique 6-digit code provided by a Public Health Representative.

How do I get notified if I have been in close contact with another user who has tested positive for COVID-19?

If the app detects that you have been in close contact with another user who has tested positive for COVID-19, you will receive a push notification on your phone named as a COVID-19 Exposure Alert. If one taps on the notification along with guidance on what to do next.

Do I need to be connected to Wi-Fi or a cellular data connection to receive exposure alert notifications?

The app does not rely on WiFi or cellular data to anonymously determine how close you were to other users and for how long. However, in order to receive exposure alerts, the app does need WiFi or cellular data for at least part of the day. Additionally, if you test positive for COVID-19 and receive a 6-digit code, you will need WiFi or cellular data to submit your code to upload your Random IDs.

What languages are supported in the app?

The app currently supports English and Spanish.

Does the app work outside the state of Pennsylvania?

Yes, the app will continue to exchange anonymous Bluetooth keys with other app users wherever you are, including outside of Pennsylvania. The Exposure Notification System will only work if the state that you are traveling to also has an exposure notification mobile app interoperable through Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL).

Do I always need to leave COVID Alert open for the app to work?

No. The app will run in the background when it is not open. You will need to make sure the app is installed, and exposure notification service has been enabled in order for the app to work.

Do I always need to keep Bluetooth turned on for the app to work?

Yes. Bluetooth must always be turned on for the Exposure Notification System to detect how close you are to other app users.

Will the app drain my battery?

No. The app uses Bluetooth Low Energy which is designed to have minimal impact on battery life. You should not see a significant change in phone battery consumption.

Will the app use a lot of my data storage space?

No. The app itself occupies around 14 MB space. Your phone only records the random Bluetooth IDs of other phones when they are within 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer. The volume of data need for this is very small and should not make a noticeable difference in your data usage given the data storage capacities of most phones.

Will the app work on iPads or Tablets?

No, the app does not work on iPads or Tablets.

What phones can support this app?

iPhone users can use the app if they have iOS version 13.5 or above. The following iPhones can support iOS 13.5: 11, 11 Pro Max, XR, XS, XS Max, X, SE (2nd generation), 8, 8 Plus, 7, 7 Plus, 6s, 6s Plus, SE (1st generation).

Android users can use the app if your phone supports Bluetooth Low Energy and Android Version 6 (API 23) or above.

Does the app know when a user is close to another user, but they are separated by a wall?

A wall between app users would lessen the strength of the signal between the two phones, but it still may be possible to have enough signal strength for a notification to occur. This depends on the material and structure of the wall.

How does the app determine who is a COVID-19 positive case?

When a person tests positive for COVID-19, a public health representative from the PA Department of Health or local county or municipal health department contacts that individual to discuss their diagnosis, learn how they are feeling and understand who may have been exposed to the them. During that conversation, the public health representative will ask if the person has the COVID Alert PA app. If they do, they will offer to provide them with a unique 6-digit validation code to upload their random Bluetooth IDs after which exposure alerts will go out to all the other app users that they may have been in close contact.

The app will send an exposure notification to anyone who has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. What counts as a close contact?

Close contact is defined as within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes, per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. COVID Alert PA app has used this close contact to define thresholds of time and distance. To approximate distance, the system compares the Bluetooth signal strength between the two devices in contact. The closer the devices are, the higher the signal strength recorded. This signal strength can vary significantly based on factors like how the device is being held and as such this only provides an estimate of distance.

What should I do if I receive an alert telling me I have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

If you receive a notification from the app saying that you have been in contact with a COVID-19 positive individual, we won't know if you will develop COVID-19, so the app will provide public health guidance for how to help yourself and protect others. You can also view this guidance on the "Exposure Alert" page. Additionally, the app also provides an option to request a call back from a public health representative if the individual wants to discuss further.

Can I still go to work or school if have received a message saying I have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

Individuals who came in close contact with someone who tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 should stay at home and self-quarantine for 14 days since their last close contact exposure. Please also let your employer, school or university know you received a notification from the app and consult a health care provider for additional guidance.

If someone gets an alert through the app saying that they had a close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, does the PA Department of Health know the identity of the person who received the alert?

No. The Department of Health does not know the identity of app users who receive alerts. The Department of Health will only see the number of exposure notifications generated on any given date. If an app user chooses to use the "call back" feature when they receive an alert, then they can enter their phone number to receive a phone call from the Department of Health. At that point, they can choose to voluntarily disclose that they have received an alert because they wish to discuss next steps further. This is an optional feature given to app users who receive an exposure notification alert and want to talk to a public health representative. This is only activated if you enter your phone number and ask for a call back.

What data does the PA Department of Health collect from the app?

The Department of Health has access to summary statistics from the symptom check-in, such as the age range of users who have chosen to use the symptom check-in, and as well as access to in-app performance metrics, such as number of mobile app downloads and deletions, and the number of exposure alerts that have been sent. The app does not collect, use, or store any personal identifiable information, and therefore the PA Department of Health does not have any access to users' personal data. If an app user chooses to use the "call back" feature when they receive an alert, then they can send their phone number to PA Department of Health to receive a phone call from a public health representative. Please see [Data and Privacy Policy](#).

Why am I asked to activate geo-location to use the app on an Android smartphone? Does it mean that the app has access to my location?

No, COVID Alert has absolutely no access to any location data. In fact, Google prevents apps using their Exposure Notification System from being published to the play store if they attempt to use location data. On phones running Android 6.0 to 10, the Exposure Notifications System uses Bluetooth scanning. For Bluetooth scanning to work, the device location setting needs to be turned on for all apps, not just apps using the Exposure Notifications System. There are several ways you can manage your privacy with this system. You can read more [hereOpens In A New Window](#). On [Android version 11Opens In A New Window](#), the Exposure Notifications System does not require the phone's Location setting to be on. [Learn how to check and update your Android versionOpens In A New Window](#). The app isn't authorized to access any geo location data (including GPS data). Therefore, it does not and cannot know where you are.

What scams should Pennsylvanians be aware of?

Public health representatives from DOH or your county or municipal health department will never:

- Ask for bank account number, credit card number or SSN information,
- Send text messages with website links to click on, or
- Ask you to pay for COVID-19 testing over the phone or via text.

Will location data be used in the contact tracing case investigation process? For example, will the app be able to say someone was at a restaurant within 14 days of symptoms?

No. The app does not enable any location services and does not collect any location information, and it cannot identify anyone. Therefore, it cannot say if anyone was at a particular location with or without symptoms.

The app is giving me an error message. What should I do?

Send us an email to RA-DH-COVIDAPP@pa.gov.

Who is making the COVID Alert PA app?

The department partnered with NearForm to develop an App. University of Pennsylvania's Center for Health Incentives and Behavioral Economics and MIT's Lincoln Laboratory, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL) and Internet Privacy Research Institute (PRI) have partnered to evaluate and assess the development and deployment of the mobile app.

Do Pennsylvanians need to download the app of other states if they travel to another state?

Pennsylvania is working with Delaware, New Jersey and New York as we launch state specific mobile apps. This is to ensure the apps will work across state lines. This means that someone from Pennsylvania who visits New York, would not need to download New York's app.

How do we know this app will be successful?

The Department of Health carefully evaluated app concepts while collaborating with academic institutions and engaging in conversations with industry professionals and other states and countries to ensure a robust, comprehensive app was chosen. Furthermore, the app underwent testing and piloting to find and solve any potential problems before making the app available statewide. As with other public health tools (such as masks), the degree of success the app will have is dependent on people making the choice to use it and unite against COVID.

Would this technology work if one has downloaded the app and the other person has not?

No, the technology only works if others have downloaded the app. We ask Pennsylvanians to unite against COVID and download the app.

I live or work in multiple states that have an Exposure Notification app - which app should I download?

You only need to download **one** COVID Alert app from your state of residence. PA, NJ, NY and DE have worked together as a region to ensure all COVID Alert apps will work and interoperable across the states with an app. We encourage Pennsylvanians to add your phone to the COVID fight and download COVID Alert PA.

*CORONAVIRUS UPDATES: Select the "more info" link to keep up with the latest from Penn State about the global coronavirus outbreak. **MORE INFO** >*



PennState

Pennsylvania launches COVID Alert PA app to help mitigate virus spread

Penn State encouraging community members to download and use app

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The COVID Alert PA app is available to smartphone users to download for free from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. The app, launched by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, can detect if a user has been in close contact with another user who later tested positive for COVID-19.

Image: Pennsylvania Department of Health

September 28, 2020

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf and Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine are encouraging Pennsylvanians to download COVID Alert PA, a COVID-19 exposure notification app designed to help fight the spread of the virus.

COVID Alert PA uses Exposure Notification System technology developed by Apple and Google to detect if a user has been in close contact with another user who later tested positive for COVID-19. Users who may have been exposed to the virus will receive a notification to their phone called a "COVID-19 Exposure Alert," along with public health guidance on what to do next.

"This app is a simple tool you can use to help fight COVID-19 every day, everywhere you go," said Wolf. "I encourage you to visit your app store and download it for free today."

Penn State is asking community members to do the same and utilize the app to help support existing virus monitoring and contact tracing efforts at the University.

"This resource can only help to complement Penn State's established contact tracing process, and we encourage all students, faculty and staff to download and use the app," said Kelly Wolgast, director of Penn State's COVID-19 Operations Control Center. "As we work to slow the spread of COVID-19 on our campuses, this technology offered by the state supports quick and continuous notifications to individuals who may have been exposed to the virus."

The app, which also helps users track potential COVID-19 symptoms and provides statewide virus statistics from the Department of Health's COVID-19 data dashboard, is available on smartphones from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Penn State also offers a symptom checker tool via the Penn State Go app.

"We all play a part in stopping the spread of COVID-19, which is why I am encouraging every Pennsylvanian to add their phone to the fight and download COVID Alert PA today," Levine said. "By utilizing this technology, we can quickly notify more people who have been exposed to COVID-19."

The COVID Alert PA app helps support traditional contact tracing processes. When the health department contacts a COVID-19-positive individual to discuss their diagnosis, learn how they are feeling, and understand who may have been exposed to them, the public health representative will provide a unique six-digit validation code to the individual to enter into the app. Once this step is completed, the app will be able to alert other app users who, over the preceding two weeks, have been within six feet of the COVID-19-positive individual for longer than 15 minutes. This exposure alert does not reveal the identity of the COVID-19-positive individual or their whereabouts.

According to the Department of Health, the app does not enable any location services or track anyone, and it is designed to be completely anonymous. The Exposure Notification System works by using Bluetooth Low Energy technology, which allows phones with the app to recognize when it is close to another phone.

“We are very committed to and conscious of protecting the privacy and security of all Pennsylvanians,” Levine said. “COVID Alert PA will not track your location or collect any personal information from you — it is simply an exposure notification tool. The app uses Bluetooth technology to send a notification if someone has been in close contact with an individual who later tested positive for COVID-19. This is the same technology that your smartphone uses to connect to your wireless Bluetooth headphones or your car. The app will never ask you to turn on your location.”

While use of the app is voluntary, Levine said that the more people who adopt the technology, the more successful it can be at quickly notifying individuals who may have been exposed to the virus and containing the spread of infection.

Additional information about the app and answers to frequently asked questions are available at <https://www.pa.gov/covid/covid-alert-pa/>. For the latest news about Penn State’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit virusinfo.psu.edu.

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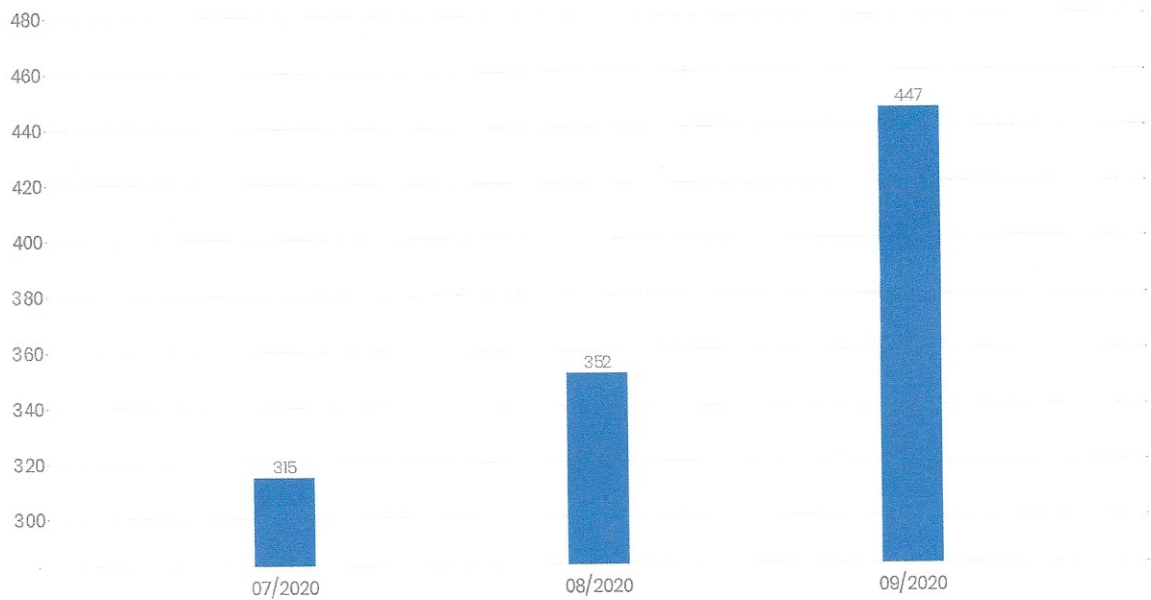
Beaver County
Collaborative Action Network

Monthly Website Traffic Summary

Monthly Sessions

Monthly from 07/01/2020 until 09/30/2020

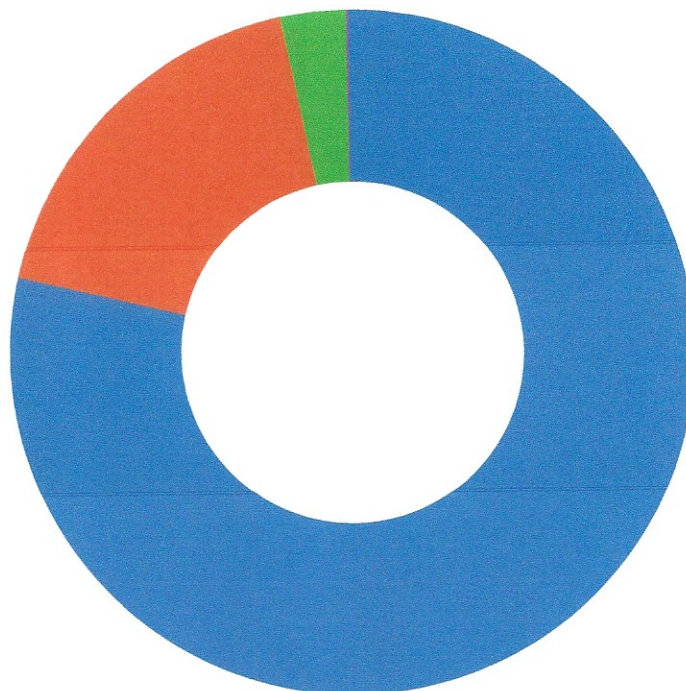
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Website Traffic by Device Type

From 09/01/2020 until 09/30/2020

desktop	78.70%
mobile	18.10%
tablet	3.10%
Others	0.10%




Website Traffic by Channel

From 09/01/2020 until 09/30/2020

Sessions	Channel	Pages / Session
289	Direct	3.45
132	Organic Search	2.76
22	Referral	2.36
4	Social	4.00
Entire Site	447	3.20

Traffic Metrics by Source

From 09/01/2020 until 09/30/2020

Sessions	Source	Pages / Session
10 	venue.collectiveimpact.com	1.50
7 	beavercountypa.gov	2.57
4 	bc-systemofcare.org	3.00
3 	m.facebook.com	5.00
1 	bcrc.net	7.00
1 	facebook.com	1.00
Entire Site	26	2.62

Traffic Metrics by Page Title

From 09/01/2020 until 09/30/2020

Page Title	Pageviews	Avg. Time on Page	Entrances	Exits	Bounce Rate (%)
Agency Directory Beaver County Collaborative Action Network	725	0:01:57	181	177	48.62%
Beaver County Collaborative Action Network	180	0:00:56	134	82	46.27%
Training Beaver County Collaborative Action Network	94	0:00:34	38	19	21.05%

Traffic Metrics by Page Title

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From 09/01/2020 until 09/30/2020

Page Title	Pageviews	Avg. Time on Page	Entrances	Exits	Bounce Rate (%)
Claim Your Listing Beaver County Collaborative Action Network	54	0:00:41	10	27	60.00%
BCCAN Training – Compassion Fatigue Training via Webinar October 8, 2020 Beaver County Collaborative Action Network	50	0:03:02	0	20	0.00%
Housing Resources Beaver County Collaborative Action Network	31	0:00:23	1	4	100.00%
Job Opportunities Beaver County Collaborative Action Network	27	0:00:24	3	7	66.67%
Events Beaver County Collaborative Action Network	20	0:01:09	3	4	100.00%
Food Resources Beaver County Collaborative Action Network	20	0:00:32	3	8	66.67%

Traffic Metrics by Page Title

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From 09/01/2020 until 09/30/2020

Page Title	Pageviews	Avg. Time on Page	Entrances	Exits	Bounce Rate (%)
Poverty and Addiction – October 1, 2020 Registration is now closed – at capacity Beaver County Collaborative Action Network	19	0:03:04	0	5	0.00%
Entire Site	1,429	0:01:32	447	447	50.78%