
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 31, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MARCH 31, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Department of Health and Human Services
2 to increase the allocation of COVID-19 vaccine doses sent to
3 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, On March 6, 2020, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 confirmed its first two cases of the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV2
6 (COVID-19); and

7 WHEREAS, At the beginning of the pandemic, the Commonwealth
8 of Pennsylvania experienced some of the worst outbreaks of
9 COVID-19 in the nation, which led Governor Tom Wolf to issue a
10 proclamation of disaster emergency on March 6, 2020; and

11 WHEREAS, As of March 6, 2021, the Department of Health
12 reported that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania had 946,985 total
13 cases of COVID-19 and that 24,317 residents had died from COVID-
14 19; and

15 WHEREAS, Throughout the pandemic, the Commonwealth of
16 Pennsylvania has followed guidelines from the Centers for
17 Disease Control and Prevention in its efforts to mitigate the

1 risks posed by COVID-19; and

2 WHEREAS, Hospitals in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania began
3 receiving shipments of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine the week of
4 December 14, 2020, Moderna COVID-19 vaccine the week of December
5 21, 2020, and Janssen COVID-19 vaccine the week of March 1,
6 2021; and

7 WHEREAS, As of March 6, 2021, the Commonwealth of
8 Pennsylvania had administered over 2.9 million COVID-19 vaccine
9 doses, including 90% of its allocated first/single COVID-19
10 doses; and

11 WHEREAS, The vaccines for COVID-19 are a critical tool in
12 helping to stop the pandemic; and

13 WHEREAS, The current supply of COVID-19 vaccine doses the
14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is receiving from the Federal
15 Government does not meet the Commonwealth's demand and is
16 insufficient to vaccinate even those individuals who are
17 currently eligible; and

18 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires additional
19 COVID-19 vaccine doses from the Federal Government to meet
20 demand and to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its
21 residents; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
23 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the United States Department
24 of Health and Human Services to increase the allocation of
25 COVID-19 vaccine doses sent to the Commonwealth; and be it
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge residents of
28 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to continue their vigilance in
29 combating the COVID-19 pandemic by following guidelines from the
30 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
2 the President of the United States, the presiding officers of
3 each house of Congress and each member of Congress from
4 Pennsylvania.