

Attachment # 1

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THE ADVOCATE FOR KIDS

**Delaware County  
Lead Poisoning  
Prevention Coalition**

*Supported by Children First: The Advocate for Kids*

City of Chester Council  
Lead Ordinance Testimony  
April 12, 2023  
Presented by  
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Good morning, Mayor and Council Members and thank you for the time to speak today on this important ordinance to protect children from lead paint poisoning in the City of Chester.

Children First PA works to improve the lives of our region's children by developing initiatives and advocating for quality health care, childcare, public education, and family stability. Since 2008, Children First has facilitated the Delaware County Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition comprised of a cross section of public and private entities that are committed to eliminating lead poisoning in Delaware County.

Lead poisoning can cause permanent brain damage to children, especially children under 6 years of age. Lead can cause learning behavior, hearing, and speech problems. Lead paint hazards in homes, primarily rental units, are the main source of lead poisoning. **Lead paint was not banned in residential use until 1978 and 89% of the residential properties in Chester were built before 1980.**

**Some public health facts to think about for the City of Chester. Approximately 26% of children tested for lead in Chester were poisoned between 2005 and 2015 2,447 children poisoned out of 9,276 tested. This is a rate 8 times higher than Children poisoned in Flint, Michigan at the peak of that city's crisis. In Delaware County, 5.5 times more Black and Hispanic children are poisoned than white children.**

A few weeks ago, I attended a City Council meeting where many residents were concerned about toxic substances being transported by rail. Which is a very legitimate concern given the recent derailments. However, there is a toxic substance in many homes that can make children ill with lifelong consequences. Childhood lead poisoning is 100% preventable primarily by removing lead paint-based hazards in homes. We urge you to act today to prevent childhood lead poisoning for all children in the City of Chester.

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**WHEREAS, THE CITY OF CHESTER IS COMMITTED TO RECOGNIZING THAT OUR GROWTH AND STRENGTH DEPENDS ON THE SAFETY AND ECONOMIC VALUE OF THE HOMES, BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SERVE OUR CITIZENS, BOTH IN EVERYDAY LIFE AND IN TIMES OF DISASTER, AND**

**WHEREAS, OUR NATION BENEFITS ECONOMICALLY AND TECHNOLOGICALLY FROM USING THE INTERNATIONAL CODES THAT ARE DEVELOPED BY A NATIONAL, VOLUNTARY CONSENSUS CODES AND STANDARDS DEVELOPING ORGANIZATION, OUR GOVERNMENT IS ABLE TO AVOID THE HIGH COST AND COMPLEXITY OF DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING THESE CODES, WHICH ARE THE MOST WIDELY ADOPTED BUILDING SAFETY AND FIRE PREVENTION CODES IN THE WORLD;**

**WHEREAS, BUILDING SAFETY MONTH IS SPONSORED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL TO REMIND THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE CRITICAL ROLE OF OUR COMMUNITIES' LARGELY UNKNOWN PROTECTORS OF PUBLIC SAFETY – OUR LOCAL CODE OFFICIALS – WHO ASSURE US OF SAFE, SUSTAINABLE, ENERGY EFFICIENT AND LIVABLE BUILDINGS THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO AMERICA'S PROSPERITY, AND;**

**WHEREAS, "PREVENT, PREPARE, PROTECT. BUILDING CODES SAVE," THE THEME FOR BUILDING SAFETY MONTH 2023 ENCOURAGES ALL AMERICANS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFE AND RESILIENT CONSTRUCTION; FIRE PREVENTION; DISASTER MITIGATION, ENERGY CONSERVATION; WATER SAFETY; TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION; AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY;**

**WHEREAS, EACH YEAR, IN OBSERVANCE OF BUILDING SAFETY MONTH, PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE ASKED TO CONSIDER THE COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE BUILDING SAFETY, RESILIENCE AND ECONOMIC INVESTMENT AT HOME AND IN THE COMMUNITY, AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ESSENTIAL SERVICE PROVIDED TO ALL OF US BY LOCAL AND STATE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS, FIRE PREVENTION BUREAUS AND FEDERAL AGENCIES IN PROTECTING LIVES AND PROPERTY;**

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR THADDEUS KIRKLAND, AND THE COUNCILMEMBERS OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY 2023 AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH.**

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**WHEREAS, THE LADY CLIPPERS ACHIEVED AN AMAZING FEAT WINNING THE 4X200 METER RELAY AT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

**WHEREAS, WITH ONLY THREE ATHLETES RETURNING FROM LAST YEAR'S TEAM, JUNIOR A'LASIA MOSLEY, SOPHOMORES JANAISA DEARRY AND DALEEAH ALEXANDER AND THE NEW ADDITION FRESHMAN DAMIRA ALLEN RAN A TIME OF 1:43:34;** <sup>43</sup>minute <sup>34</sup>seconds

**WHEREAS, WITH ONLY THREE RETURNING MEMBERS, THEY WERE THE YOUNGEST RELAY TEAM IN THE COMPETITION AND STILL BROUGHT THE TITLE HOME;**

**WHEREAS, THREE OF THE FOUR GIRLS, ALONG WITH THE HELP FROM FRESHMAN KELLY NAYLOR WON THE 4X100 METER RELAY AND RAN THE TOP TIME IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA (48.44 ON APRIL 5TH);**

**WHEREAS, SOPHOMORE JANAISA DEARRY IS IN THE TOP FIVE IN PENNSYLVANIA IN THE 100-METER DASH, 200-METER DASH AND 400-METER RUN;**

**WHEREAS, FRESHMAN DAMIRA ALLEN IS IN THE TOP 10 IN THE STATE IN THE 100-METER HURDLES AND 3<sup>RD</sup> IN THE 300-METER HURDLES;**

**WHEREAS, JUNIOR A'LASIA MOSLEY IS IN THE TOP 10 IN THE 200-METER DASH;**

**WHEREAS, SOPHOMORE DALEEAH ALEXANDER IS EXPECTING TO HAVE ANOTHER GREAT SEASON AND FRESHMAN NIYA JEFFERS IS ALREADY JUMPING 5-4 FEET COMING INTO THE OUTDOOR SEASON;**

**WHEREAS, THE TALENTED LADY CLIPPERS ARE CHARGING AHEAD AND MOVING TOWARDS WINNING THE OVERALL TEAM TITLE AT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS;**

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR THADDEUS KIRKLAND, AND THE COUNCILMEMBERS OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, DO HEREBY CELEBRATE THE LADY CLIPPERS ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND ON WINNING THE 4X200 METER RELAY AT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.**



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## **Council Meeting COVID Update**

**April 12, 2023**

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, there have been 13 positive COVID-19 cases reported in Chester since the last council meeting on March 22. Research experts believe the number of positive cases is undercounted due to at-home testing and residents who may have mild symptoms that do not get tested. The CDC states that people in Delaware County may choose to mask at any time due to low COVID-19 transmission. Please visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find out the most up-to-date appointment availability for the Flu shot and COVID-19 vaccine and booster. We encourage everyone to consider getting the vaccine and booster shot if you haven't already. The Health Department is partnering with Woodlyn Pharmacy and the Black Equity Coalition to sponsor a vaccine, booster, flu, and Shingles shot clinic on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. City Hall also offers free blood pressure screenings every Wednesday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the lobby. Finally, COVID-19 Home test and Narcan can be picked up from the table downstairs.

Submitted by: Ayanna King: COVID-19 Support Specialist  
Rosetta Carter: Director of Community Health Education Services/COVID-19  
Councilman Stefan Roots: Director of Public Safety



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## COVID-19 Vaccine/Booster, Flu and Shingles Shot Clinic

With the support of Woodlyn Pharmacy, the City of Chester and The Black Equity Coalition is sponsoring a FREE COVID-19 Vaccine/Booster, Flu and Shingles Shot Clinic.

**Pfizer and Moderna are Available**  
**PLEASE DON'T FORGET your vaccine card and insurance or Medicare card.**



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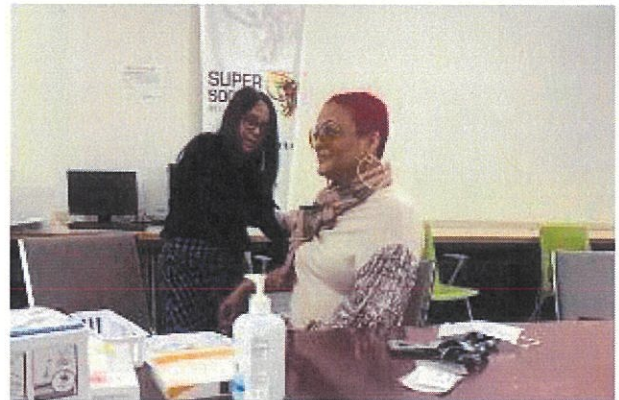


**Date: April 19, 2023**

**Time: 11:00 am-1:00 pm**

**Location: Chester City Hall**

**Computer Room, 1 E 4th St.**



**No Appointment Necessary**

**For More Information contact:**

**Rosetta Carter:**

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# VVIVID'S CHANGING?

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Because of the pandemic, the federal government allowed Pennsylvania and other states to continue Medicaid (also known as Medical Assistance or MA) and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage for most people even if they were not eligible anymore.

This policy is ending on March 31, 2023. After April 1, 2023, if you do not complete your renewal when it is due, you risk losing your health coverage.

Renewals are required due to the end of COVID-19 pandemic flexibilities. Maintaining healthcare coverage helps prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other diseases.

## What does this mean for me?

You will get a renewal packet in the mail when it is time to renew your state health coverage.

It is very important that you complete and return your renewal by the due date. Please complete your renewal if your circumstances like income or household size have changed OR if nothing has changed.

By completing your renewal, DHS can keep your state health coverage open or connect you to other affordable health coverage options if you are no longer eligible for Medicaid or CHIP. There are four ways you can complete and submit your renewal:

- By mail — Complete and return the forms by mailing them back in the provided envelope
- Online — Complete your renewal online in [COMPASS](https://www.compassstate.pa.us/compassweb/) (<https://www.compassstate.pa.us/compassweb/>) Public/CMHome)
- Telephone — Call 1-866-550-4355 to talk to a customer service representative
- In-Person — Complete and submit your renewal in person at any local county assistance office (CAO)

You can also </contact/Pages/Text-Messaging.aspx> cannot access COMPASS, you can update your contact information by calling the Customer Service Center at 1-877-395-8930 or 1-215-560-7226 in Philadelphia.

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to get information faster when it is your time to renew. If you

## When do I have to renew my benefits?

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Everyone's renewal date is different. You will start to get information about your renewal about 90 days before your renewal is due.

### COMPASS account

If you have a </COMPASS>

, you can check your renewal date and complete your renewal online up to 60 days [sign up for emails and texts](#)

before your renewal date. You can also </contact/Pages/Text-Messaging.aspx> fastest and easiest way to get information about your benefits.

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## How can I complete my Medical Assistance renewal once I get it?

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There are a few ways for you to complete your renewal.

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# What happens if I'm not eligible for Medicaid anymore?

Pennsylvanians who are no longer eligible for Medicaid will be automatically referred to other sources of affordable coverage like [CHIP](#) and [Pennie](https://pennie.com/) . [CHIP](#) Pages/CHI and <https://pennie.com/>, Pennsylvania's official health insurance marketplace, to avoid any lapse in quality, affordable health care.

Individuals will receive communications about other coverage options after their Medicaid cases are closed. You can also learn more about these additional health coverage options below.

What is Pennie?

Who can get coverage from Pennie?

Pennie - Open Enrollment 22-23 - English

