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The Wardrobe Malvern, outfitting job seekers for interviews, opens to the public

Thirty three hundred square feet of just about anything you'll need to look good at The Wardrobe Malvern. **BILL RETTEW/ MEDIANEWS GROUP**

**By Bill Rettew**
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MALVERN—You've got a game-breaking job interview scheduled, but your closet is full of little more than sweatshirts, T-shirts and jeans.

If you want to look professional and nab that job, The Wardrobe Malvern can help.

You can shop for free clothing at the 3,300 square foot, non-profit/resale boutique, located at 235 Lancaster Ave, (Suites E-1 and E-2), just across the parking lot from the PennDOT-Drivers License Center in the Lincoln Court Shopping Center. The shop opens Thursday, Oct. 8.

With five locations, the non-profit depends on donations, shoppers and volunteers from the community.

Carrie Kronmiller, site manager, said the boutique is always looking for donations, is open to the public and money from sales goes directly right back to the store's mission.

Some new undergarments, scrubs and toiletries can be purchased.

"It's all guilt free shopping, all going to a great cause and you're helping people," the site manager said.

Carrie Kronmiller, left, Sydney Stipa and Kat Stull, of the Wardrobe Malvern can outfit you for any occasion. **BILL RETTEW/MEDIANEWS GROUP**

The shelves are stocked daily with newer goods.

"There is always a great find to be had," Kronmiller said.

Even if all your money is going out for rent and food, you don't have clothing for yourself, or need everyday clothing, The Wardrobe Malvern is the spot.

There is from casual all the way to professional clothing for whatever stage

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**PA. HEALTH**

## Pa. measles outbreak largest in decades

### State surpasses 1,000 cases; Chester County reports 83 cases

**By Mike Stobbe**
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NEW YORK — Pennsylvania has surpassed 1,000 measles cases this year, state health officials said Monday, making it the largest state outbreak in more than three decades.

The U.S. is enduring its worst year for measles since 1991, with nearly 3,900 reported cases, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The nation has seen eight reported measles-associated deaths in the past two years — more than the combined total of reported deaths over the previous three decades.

Since the beginning of last year, large outbreaks have been reported in several states, including Texas and Utah, as well as South Carolina, which had the largest with 997 cases reported.

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## State health secretary urges folks to get new COVID-19 vaccine

**By Chloe Jad**
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

In the midst of a historic measles outbreak, state and local health officials crammed into the family-owned Hilltop Pharmacy in Allentown on Monday to implore Pennsylvanians to get the updated COVID-19 vaccine, among other respiratory virus immunizations — and rolled up a sleeve to receive their own shots.

"I know many of us want to treat COVID-19 like a thing of the past," said Debra Bogen, Pennsylvania's healthy secretary. "I wish it were, but the data tells us a different story."

More than 13,000 adults and 1,200 children across Pennsylvania were hospitalized due to COVID during the 2025-2026 respiratory virus season, Bogen said, which just ended on Saturday. In that same time, she said, 598 Pennsylvanians died from COVID complications.

"Think of the updated COVID-19 vaccine as training for your immune system. It gives your body the updated playbook it needs to

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## LWV, NAACP sponsor Chester County campaign event

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WEST GOSHEN—With less than a month to go prior to the November 3 election, three candidates were hitting the campaign trail in Chester County, on Saturday.

Incumbent State Rep. Chris Pielli (D-156th), candidate for governor Ken Krawchuk (L) and Marty Young, a Republican, who hopes to represent the Sixth Congressional District, all campaigned at the voter forum at the Baptist Church of West Chester.

The event was organized by the League of Women Voters, the NAACP, the Fund for Women and Girls and the AAUW.

Each candidate gave a short stump speech and then circulated around the church meeting room to discuss the issues with voters.

Gubernatorial candidate Krawchuk has unsuccessfully run for governor as a Libertarian three times.

"I'm mad and I'm not going to take it anymore," the information technology professional told the voters. "There's stuff going on in Pennsylvania that most people aren't talking about."

The candidate discussed the public education system, for which he said many students are performing at below grade level in Math and English.

He suggested that each

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Incumbent state Rep. Chris Pielli, right, talks with voters during Saturday's voter forum at the Baptist Church in West Chester. **BILL RETTEW/MEDIANEWS GROUP**

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student be given $11,000 and allowed to attend the school of their choice with that scholarship funding.

Krawchuk told a reporter that "while I have an unstoppable message" and the campaign is going great, "the hard part is getting the message across, when they have millions and I have thousands."

Krawchuk is running against Gov. Shapiro and Republican Stacy Garrity.

Young hopes to unseat Democrat Chrissy Houlahan. The West Chester East and West Point graduate "fixes broken companies."

He said that families are leaving Chester County because of economics. Young asked 'Who can fix this?' and answered his question by pointing to the U.S. Congress.

"We need to be a country that keeps its promises." he said. "Only Congress can fix some of the broken policies."

Young suggested three solutions, including, fixing health care by instituting a national system similar to Tri-Care.

He said Tri-Care comes at a cost of one-quarter of private health care.

Young is a proponent of zero percent home mortgage loans since many are paying so much in interest.

He also said that while 70 percent of high school grads go to college, only 60 percent graduate within six years.

The first-time candidate said the campaign is going well.

"I couldn't have done this if not from the community," he said. "This is home."

Democrat Pielli is serving his second term.

He favors an equal education for every student in the state, regardless of the taxes collected in each district.

The U.S. Army veteran, former West Goshen Township Supervisor and past Chester County Recorder of Deeds graduated from West Chester East, and Temple night school, with a law degree.

His campaign planks include, affordability, housing and health care. He has had six of his bills pass and noted that the middle class is shrinking.

Pielli supports raising the minimum wage from $7.25/hr, while noting that 50,000 Pennsylvanians work for that amount with many holding two or three jobs just to get by.

Pielli said that data centers are affecting humankind more than the Gutenberg press.

He introduced a bill that would ensure that data centers do not become public utilities and consequently wouldn't have to abide by local zoning.

Pielli said of the campaign that he is not taking anything for granted.

There is much to be done at Voter Service or satellite offices on the following days and times:

Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Rd., West Chester (Oct. 2-Nov. 2) Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Oxford Public Library, 48 S. Second St., Oxford (Oct 1 and Oct. 24./ Sat 9 a.m to 1 p.m.)

Henrietta Hankin Library, 215 Windgate Dr., Chester Springs (Oct. 17 and Oct. 31/ Sat 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

What can be done: Register to vote, by Oct. 19; update your registration, by Oct. 19; apply for mail in or absentee ballot by Oct. 27 at 5 p.m.; complete a cancel and reissue request for a replacement or mail-in or absentee ballot, by Nov. 2; and complete and return a mail-in or absentee ballot by Nov. 3 at 8 p.m.

Also, obtain replacement ballots, declaration envelopes, and/or secrecy envelopes by Nov 2.; request an emergency absentee ballot, from Oct. 28-Nov. 3; and cure your mail-or absentee ballot by Nov. 2 at the West Chester location only.

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of life you are in.

If you are homeless and just need a sweatshirt to stay warm, or are involved in a domestic violence situation and had to leave everything and start over, or just need a boost of confidence, stop by The Wardrobe.

A ribbon cutting will be held on October 8, at 11:30 a.m. and there will be food, festivities and drinks. You can shop that day from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and are welcome to bring clothing donations.

The boutique will be open Mondays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, or to make an appointment to receive clothing, go to www.wardrobepa.org or call 215-568-6693, ext. 25.

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fight off the latest virus variants so you stay out of the hospital and can continue enjoying life with people you love," said Bogen, a pediatrician.

She emphasized that COVID vaccines require no prescriptions, are widely covered by insurance or are free or low-cost through state programs. Other recommended respiratory vaccinations include the annual influenza vaccine and RSV when needed.

Bogen reminded that full immunization takes the body about two weeks to build up after vaccination, so the time is now to be protected for upcoming holiday gatherings.

Monday's news conference took place just over a year after Gov. Josh Shapiro signed an executive order that ensured coverage of recommended vaccines and protected children's access to them, launched a central online vaccine portal and established a vaccine education group to combat misinformation. The order also required state agencies to align recommendations and policies with "trusted medical experts."

Speakers on Monday emphasized the deeply personal circumstances of vaccination and encouraged individuals who are unsure to turn to their trusted healthcare providers.

"I understand that vaccines can bring up a lot of questions and uncertainty for our family and friends, but that's what we're here for," Hilltop Pharmacy manager Alex Rothey said. "We're here to talk. We're here to have a real conversation and listen to your concerns and what we can do for you. Hilltop Pharmacy is always available for walk-ins. Feel free to come in whenever you want."

Vaccines have become an increasingly contested area of public health under U.S. Secretary of Health Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who opposes government-mandated vaccines for schools and employers. Measles are at the forefront of the vaccine conversation in Pennsylvania.

Measles, a viral illness that was declared eradicated from the U.S. in 2000, returned to Pennsylvania in late April and has since grown into the largest active outbreak in the nation. A fifth individual died last week from measles-related complications in the commonwealth.

These are the first measles-related deaths in Pennsylvania in the past 35 years. The recommended vaccination, which covers three viral infections, is called MMR — measles, mumps, and rubella.

Bogen said the state's health organizations are in constant communication with the federal Center for Disease Control, and she said that the state is administering a robust, "all hands on deck" response to the outbreak, which surpassed 1,000 confirmed cases on Monday.

"Please get vaccinated," Bogen pleaded.

Pennsylvania officials tracked roughly 25,000 MMR vaccinations from January to June, and a steady increase to 53,000 MMR vaccinations statewide in September, she said. The vaccine is backed by decades of research and is proven to be effective, Bogen stressed.

"MMR vaccine does not cause autism," Bogen said. "I know that's a fallacy that's out there, so I thought I'd just put that as clearly as I can.

"People make decisions based on the information they have. They're making the best decisions for what they want for their family. ... If you didn't see a disease for 35 years, it's not in your parlance. You just didn't see it and feel it. It may not feel real to you."

Now that measles has re-emerged, Bogen said she hopes skeptical Pennsylvanians ask the tough questions in the doctor's office and reconsider.

## MEASLES

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New York Gov. Kathy Hochul on Monday declared a disaster emergency because of measles cases in neighboring states and in rural areas of New York. The executive order extends the pool of people who can administer measles vaccines to include paramedics, midwives and others, and allows nurses to join doctors in ordering testing. The state has more than 100 cases this year.

Health officials say Pennsylvania's current outbreak started in April, west of Philadelphia. There have been 1,004 cases, including 198 hospitalizations and five deaths, state officials said.

Health experts attribute such outbreaks to low vaccination rates.

It's been decades since a U.S. state has seen an outbreak surpass 1,000 cases, stretching back to a multiyear outbreak in New York City in the early 1990s that infected more than 4,500 people.

The nation eliminated the domestic spread of measles in 2000 by maintaining high vaccination rates, but those rates have fallen in recent years to below the 95% coverage needed to prevent outbreaks.

In November, international health officials will meet to determine if the U.S. and Mexico have lost their measles-free status.

Measles is highly contagious. It spreads when people who have it breathe, cough or sneeze, and through contaminated surfaces. It also can linger in the air for two hours. Up to 9 out of 10 people who are susceptible will get the virus if exposed, according to the CDC.

U.S. measles infections have been surging in recent years, as fewer kids get routine vaccines due to parental waivers, health care access issues and rampant disinformation.

Pennsylvania and New York are not the only states with a growing problem. Another is Ohio, with more than 200 cases this year. Like in Pennsylvania, some of the hardest-hit Ohio counties have significant Amish populations, which tend to have lower vaccination rates.

Meanwhile, CDC officials have quietly begun to acknowledge measles-associated deaths in Pennsylvania.

State officials in August announced that two unvaccinated residents died after being infected with measles.

The announcement quickly came under fire as a clash erupted between vaccine-promoting Democratic Gov. Josh Shapiro and U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a Trump administration appointee with a history of raising alarms about established vaccines.

Since then, Pennsylvania has reported three additional deaths.

But for weeks, the CDC — which Kennedy oversees — did not count any deaths on its measles data dashboard, instead saying it was seeking more information. That changed two weeks ago, when one death was finally counted, and again last week when a second was added to the agency's tally.

FILE - A nurse, prepares a combination measles, mumps and rubella vaccine for a patient at a pediatrics clinic in Easley, S.C., March 17, 2026. **(AP PHOTO/MARY CONLON, FILE)**


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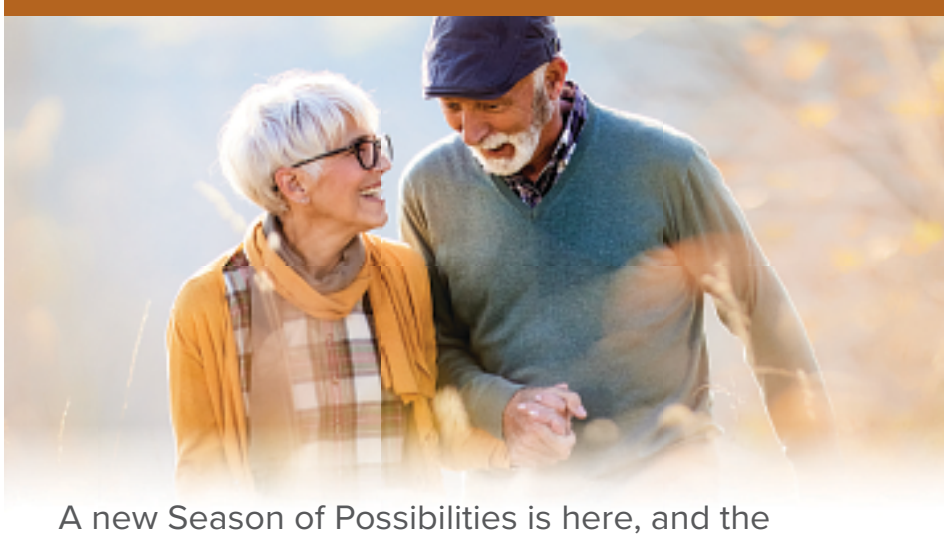

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