PA Vaccine Conversations and Misinformation on Twitter

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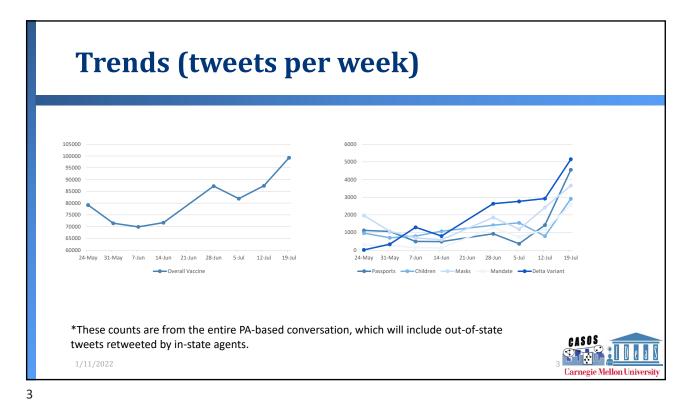


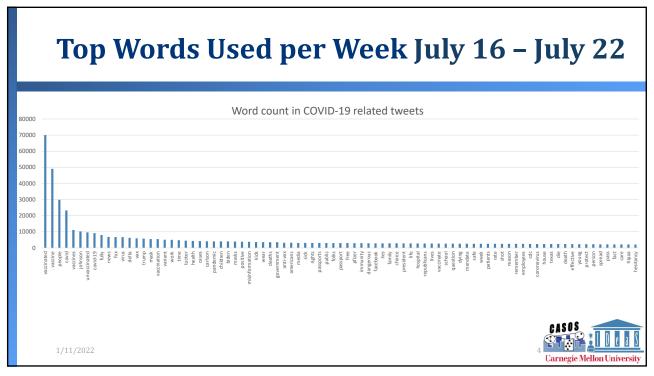
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- □ This report is an effort to summarize social media conversations around COVID-19 issues in Pennsylvania, with a focus on vaccination. It contains an analysis of the general topics related to COVID-19 vaccination. This includes discussions related to COVID-19 regulations, mandates, masks, pro-and antivaccination campaigns, science messages, misinformation, disinformation, conspiracy theories, and vaccine hesitancy messages.
- ☐ The material contained in this report is a summary of social media content and does not represent a judgment or characterization of any individual.

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High Level View by City July 16 – July 22

	Total PA	Philad	lelphia	Pitts	ourgh	Er	ie	Allento	wn/Bethlehem	(Other
Conversation	Tweets	Tweets	%	Tweets	%	Tweets	%	Tweets	%	Tweets	%
Overall Vaccine	82065	49732	60.6%	17070	20.8%	742	0.9%	12527	15.3%	1994	2.4%
Vaccine Passports	2429	1120	2.3%	793	4.6%	25	3.4%	442	3.5%	49	2.5%
Not FDA Approved	221	125	0.3%	30	0.2%	5	0.7%		0.4%	5	0.3%
Boosters	170	106	0.2%	29	0.2%	1	0.1%		0.2%	6	0.3%
Misinfo: Shedding	17	10	0.0%	2				3	0.0%	2	0.1%
"Experimental"	319	181	0.4%	61	0.4%	3	0.4%	66	0.5%	8	0.4%
Children	1125	756	1.5%	167	1.0%	4	0.5%	178	1.4%	20	1.0%
Myocarditis	10	6	0.0%	1	0.0%			3	0.0%		
Heart	294	167	0.3%	63	0.4%	3	0.4%	54	0.4%	7	0.4%
Masks	4135	2563	5.2%	668	3.9%	32	4.3%	679	5.4%	193	9.7%
Infertility	19	13	0.0%	1	0.0%			4	0.0%	1	0.1%
Mandates	1005	604	1.2%	156	0.9%	12	1.6%	199	1.6%	34	1.7%
Natural Immunity	221	162	0.3%	38	0.2%	1	0.1%	19	0.2%	1	0.1%
Efficacy	102	54	0.1%	13	0.1%			30	0.2%	5	0.3%
Spike Proteins	90	75	0.2%	5	0.0%			9	0.1%	1	0.1%
Delta Variant	2027	1193	2.4%	378	2.2%	17	2.3%	346	2.8%	93	4.7%
Race	628	387	0.8%	133	0.8%	2	0.3%	91	0.7%	15	0.8%
Graphene Oxide Door-To-Door	15	10	0.0%	1	0.0%			4	0.0%		
"Strike Force"	198	122	0.2%	28	0.2%	2	0.3%	39	0.3%	7	0.4%

- Tweets here counted only if there is a city location attached
- Magnets and Microchips dropped: most tweets are mocking or sarcastic now
- Graphene Oxide: originated in Spain as a claim that the Pfizer vaccine is comprised of 99%+ toxic graphene oxide
- Door-to-door and "strike force": Vaccine initiatives by the White House causing concern



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High Level View by County July 16 - July 22

County	Allegheny	Beaver	Butler	Cambria	Fayette	Indiana	Somerset	Westmoreland
Overall Vaccine	17291	15	57	52	45	11	8	25
Vaccine Passports	800		1		1			
Not FDA Approved	30							
Boosters	31		1					
Misinfo: Shedding	2			1				
"Experimental"	62			2				
Children	168			1	2			
Myocarditis	1							
Heart	65							
Masks	677		1	21	2	2	2	4
Infertility	1							
Mandates	162				1			
Natural Immunity	38							
Efficacy	13							
Spike Proteins	5							
Delta Variant	385	2	1	3	2			
Race	134		2	1				
Graphene Oxide	1							
Door-To-Door "Strike Force"	28				1	1		

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- Race: pulled by one of the vaccine keywords plus at least one other term in ("Black", "African American", "of color", "Latin", "Hispanic", "brown", "eugenic")



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Top Hashtags by City July 16 - July 22

☐ After removing hashtags that were part of our search criteria, the top 5 hashtags for each region related to COVID19/vaccines are as follows:

Philadelphia	Chester	Norristown	Pittsburgh	Erie	Allentown/ Bethlehem	Other
covid19 (2170) + covid (459)	Covid19 (287) + covid (92)	covid19 (365) + covid (142)	covid19 (729) + covid (172)	covid19 (39) + covid (9)	covid19 (629) + covid (249)	covid19 (98) + covid (24)
Deltavariant (348)	Deltavariant (73)	Tuckeriskillingus (85)	Getvaccinated (204) + vaccine (127) + vaccinated (112)	getvaccinated (15)	getvaccinated (148)	Getvaccinated (34)
Getvaccinated (339) + vaccine (320) + vaxupphilly (273) + vaccinated (254)	Vaccine (47) + getvaccinated (41)	getvaccinated (83)	Covidvaccine (105)	Tuckeriskillingus (15) + heytucker (7)	deltavariant (140)	Deltavariant (22)
Covidiots (214)	Covidiots (36)	Deltavariant (72)	Covidiots (60)	covidvaccine (7)	Tuckeriskillingus (85) + heytucker (61)	Vaccinated (20) + vaccine (20) + covidvaccine (14)
Tuckeriskillingus (202) Pandemicoftheunvaccinate d (117)	Tuckeriskillingus (25) pandemicoftheu nvaccinated (16)	Vaccine (54) + vaccinated (40) + covidvaccine (33)	Coronavirus (55)	Deltavariant (6)	Pandemicoftheu nvaccinated (53)	Tuckeriskillingus (17)

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■ We've checked hashtags in several counties such as Allegheny, Beaver, Bradford, Butler, Cambria, Crawford, Fayette, Indiana, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Pike, Potter, Somerset, West Moreland, York. After removing hashtags that were part of our search criteria, the top 5 hashtags for each county related to COVID19/vaccines are as follows*:

Allegheny	Butler	Cambria	Fayette	Lackawanna	Luzerne	Monroe	West Moreland
covid19 (735) + covid (173)	covid19 (6)	fuckthevax (1)	Vaccine (4)	Covid19 (2)	Trumpvirus (2)	Coronadiet (1)	Covid19 (1)
getvaccinated (206)	Getvaccinated (3)		Covid19 (1)	Covidiots (1)	Chinavirus (1)	Covid19 (1)	Antivax (1)
deltavariant (160)	tuckercarlson (1) + tuckerresign (1)		Sheep (2)	factcheckthis (1)	Tuckeriskilli ngus (1)	Getvaccinated (1)	Vaccinehesitan cy (1)
Tuckeriskillingus (146)	Vaccinated (1) + vaccinateyourself (1)		Tuckeriskillingus (1)	Itsnotavaccine (1) + vaccinefailure (1)		Vaccinated + vaccines (1)	
Vaccine (127) + vaccinated (113)	virus (1)		Tuckerresign (1)	Tuckercarlson (1) + tuckeriskillingus (1)		Vaccineswork (1)	

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http://vaccines.gov (483)	https://www.nationalreview.com/20 21/07/convincing-the-skeptics/ Convincing the Skeptics (32)	http://NIH.gov (72)	http://dlvr.it/S3nbFz World-renowned St. Jude children's hospital tells employees: Get vaccinated or get fired (318)	https://www.al.com/news/202 1/07/im-sorry-but-its-too-late- alabama-doctor-on-treating- unvaccinated-dying-covid- patients.html 'I'm sorry, but it's too late': Alabama doctor on treating unvaccinated, dying COVID patients (8)	http://vaccines.gov (103)	http://Vaccines.gov (20)
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https://richieallen.co.uk/irish-ice- hockey-star-resigns-in-protest- over-vaccine-passports, Irish Ice Hockey Star Resigns In Protest Over Vaccine Passports (191)	http://Vaccines.gov (1)	https://trib.al/MnTBI3G American Academy of Pediatrics: Everyone Should Be in Masks for School This Fall (1)	http://NIH.gov (1)	http://dlvr.it/S3s6cM Sacramento County recommends masks indoors as delta variant of COVID-19 spreads (1)	http://www.foxnews.com/politics/ three-texas-democrats-who-fled- to-washington-d-c-test-positive- for-coronavirus Three Texas Democrats who fled to Washington, D.C. test positive for coronavirus (1)				
http://Vaccines.gov (132)	https://cnb.cx/3z0Jq82 Biden on Facebook: They're killing people' with vaccine misinformation (1)	https://wapo.st/3eAzRos Sean Hannity's limited vaccine endorsement is a small drop in Fox News's ocean of doubt (1)	https://www.cnn.com/2021/07/19 /media/fox-vaccine- passport/index.html Fox has quietly implemented its own version of a vaccine passport while its top personalities attack them (1)	http://dlvr.it/\$46KBN Biden clarifies comments about Facebook 'killing people' with vaccine misinformation (1)	https://www.businessinsider.com/ ox-news-covid-protocols- vaccination-passport-memo- tucker-carlson-2021-7 Fox News has a strict COVID-19 policy that includes the kind of vaccine passport Tucker Carlson, Laura Ingraham and other right-wing hosts have railed against (1)				
https://rol.st/3itiJGC Clapton Will Not Play Shows Where Proof of Vaccine Is Required (109)	https://www.cbsnews.com/ne ws/ap-mask- recommendations-kids-2- years-covid-vaccine/ Pediatricians group recommends all children over 2 wear masks at school (1)	https://www.cnn.com/2021/0 7/19/politics/marjorie-taylor- greene-buikter-ban/index.html Twitter temporarily suspends Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene for vaccine misinformation (1)	https://www.latimes.com/californi a/story/2021-07-15/1-a-county- will-require-masks-indoors-amid- covid-19-surge L.A. County will require masks indoors amid alarming rise in coronavirus cases (1)	https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defen der/brianne-dressen-injuries-astrazeneca- covid-vaccine-senators-demad-answerf/ Woman With 'Life-Altering' Injuries After COVID Vaccine Teams Up With U.S. Senators to Demand Answers (1)	https://www.nationalreview.com/ 2021/07/convincing-the-skeptics/ Convincing the Skeptics (1)				

Top Influencers by City July 16 – July 22

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ElectionWiz (media)	KeithOlbermann	GovernorTomWolf (gov)	itsJeffTiedrich	markscheig (reporter)	RightSideRonUS A (antivax)	Acyn
FoxNews (media)	AmandaMarcott e (reporter)	Cleavon_MD	RepThomasMassie (gov)	DBChirpy	WolfGames2021 (antivax)	TheRickWilson
6abc (media)	CNBC (media)	FrankLuntz (gov)	RheaBoydMD (race discourse)	AHNtoday (gov)	Prez215	POTUS (gov)
factcheckdotorg (media)	drcraigwax (antiwax)	BleacherReport (sports media)	HueyPNewton13	BlyntJames	jeremynewberge r (reporter)	TuckerCarlson (Fox)
JuliusGoat (celebrity)	YoshkeZoidberg	JamieApody (reporter)	CTWritePretty	berniesbestie	mcall (media)	mtgreenee (gov)

*influencers are defined as accounts with tweets often spread by others (ordered by out-degree centrality)

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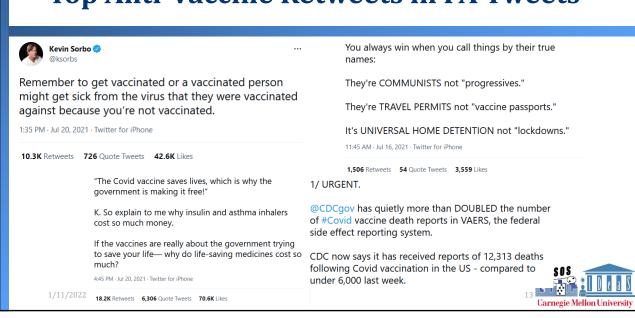
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RepThomasMassi e (gov)	JDiPaola_Trib (reporter)	msj41817	ShariseJMoore	RobertStock6	nrogers_news (reporter)	CBAC_USA	PooH_Bear2432
RheaBoydMD (race discourse)	TeamDrydene	TDDavidHurst (reporter)	VincentMTiber i	VegHistory	casamato21	tm3rd1	JoshMizikarDZNs
CTWritePretty	CoachD_LBG	SarahforUs (gov)	Irishpatriot386 (antivax)	SharlaMcBride (reporter)	NJDColts	jflorentinord	MCipriani_WTAE
HueyPNewton13	MikeSavPant her	PJRJGMD	mommydog67	thisisdking	KingsCollege_PA	kelseykruk	MeghanKDKA

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Top Anti-Vaccine Retweets in PA Tweets



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Other notes this week

☐ Healthcare professionals on treating un-vaccinated COVID patients: □ A top retweet that was then deleted by the sender: "A full 100% of the covid patients in our ICU are anti-vax. Plus, the ways we are talked to and treated are incredibly disrespectful. How do we deal with this? I can't even right now..." ☐ Top shared URL in whole set, re: COVID patients requesting vaccine: https://www.al.com/news/2021/07/im-sorry-but-its-too-late-alabama-doctor-ontreating-unvaccinated-dving-covid-patients.html ■Vaccine Refusals in Top URLs Sources: Almost half of the Phillies roster is unvaccinated for COVID-19 | Marcus Hayes Just received this from someone in the military regarding possible compulsory COVID vaccines: "Good evening, Congressman. Just thought I'd pass word that >15% of the officers at my command will Read Irish Ice hockey international's powerful either retire early or resign their commissions if the resignation email. Niall McEvoy resigns over Vaccine mandate is given." passports.

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☐ Trending stories:

al.com 'I'm sorry, but it's too late' Alabama doctor tells unvaccinated, dying COVID patients

cnn.com Congressional Democrats have a 100% vaccination rate rollingstone.com Eric Clapton Will Not Play Shows Where Proof of Vaccine Is Required

<u>6abc.com</u> Philadelphia again recommends masks for indoor public spaces, regardless of vaccination status

lincolnprojectus The Lincoln Project: The Lincoln Project Statement on Comcast's Refusal To Air Ad Critical Of Fox News theatlantic.com The Only Thing Uniting Unvaccinated People Is That They're Unvaccinated

neim.org Effectiveness of Covid-19 Vaccines against the B.1.617.2 (Delta) Variant | NEJM

rawstory.com Hospitalized right-wing radio host in 'very serious condition' regrets not being 'vehemently pro-vaccine': Family

nbcnews.com Anti-vaccine groups changing into 'dance parties' on Facebook to avoid detection

texastribune.org Texas has seen nearly 9,000 COVID-19 deaths since February. All but 43 were unvaccinated people.

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Negative stories:

childrenshealthdefense.org Federal Lawsuit Seeks Immediate Halt of COVID Vaccines, Cites Whistleblower Testimony Claiming CDC Is Under-Counting Vaccine Deaths

iamesfetzer.org Peter Koenig, Depopulation and the mRNA Vaccine: The New York Times Predicts Massive Population Reduction - James Fetzer

ineurology.com Anthrax and Gulf War Illness (GWI): Evidence for the Presence of Harmful Anthrax Antigen PA63 In the Serum of Veterans with GWI

ncbi.nlm.nih.gov The Anthrax Vaccine Program: An Analysis of the CDC's Recommendations for Vaccine Use

openvaers.com COVID Vaccine Landing

childrenshealthdefense.org CDC 'Corrects' Number of Reported Deaths After COVID Vaccines by Dumping Foreign Reports

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 $\underline{audacv.com}$ Philadelphia Zoo plans to use experimental COVID-19 vaccine to protect its at-risk animals

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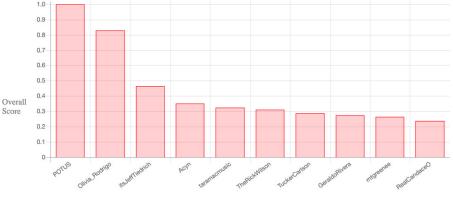
childrenshealthdefense.org Hundreds Injured by COVID Vaccines Turn to GoFundMe for Help With Expenses

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Analysis of Tweeters - Super Spreaders

□ Super Spreaders are users which generate content that is shared often, and hence spread information effectively.

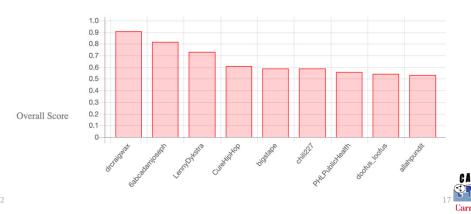


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Analysis of Tweeters - Super Friends

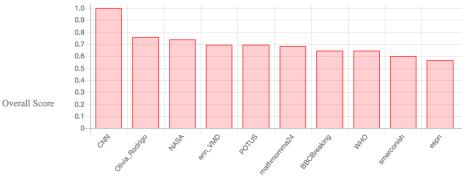
■Super Friends are users that exhibit frequent two-way communication, facilitating large or strong communication networks.



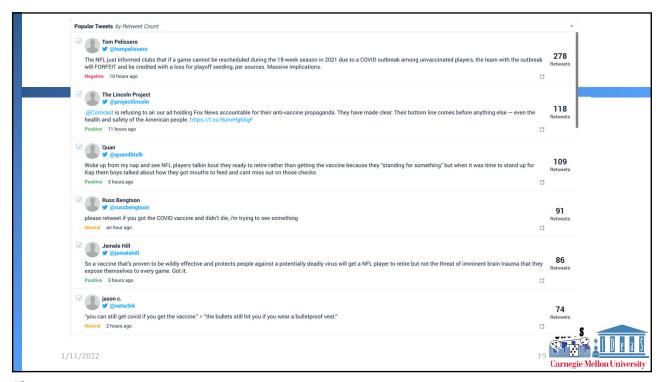
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Analysis of Tweeters - Other Influencers

Other Influencers are users which have an active network presence, by tweeting often or mentioning users often, and operate in central parts of the conversation, such as by using important hashtags, or mentioning important users.

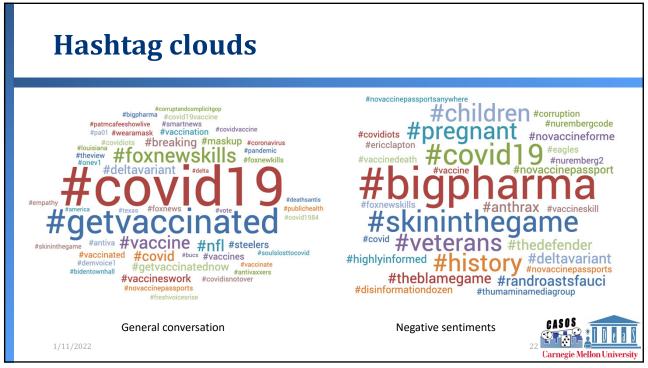


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