### **PA Vaccine Conversations on Twitter**

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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 anti-vaccination campaigns, science messages, misinformation, disinformation, conspiracy theories, and vaccine hesitancy messages.
- □Anti-Vax messaging includes vaccine hesitancy messages, opinions, questions, policy health and science related information, misinformation, disinformation, and conspiracy theories.



# **Report Overview March 18 - March 24**

- ☐ This week's trending stories cover Boosters, Masks, Mandates, Side effects from vaccine, Breakthrough infections, Ivermectin, Children, Passports;
- ☐ Trending stories: washingtonpost.com/health/2022/03/22/funding-fourth-vaccine-doses White House officials say U.S. has exhausted funds to buy potential fourth vaccine dose for all Americans; wsj.com/articles/ivermectin-didnt-reduce-covid-19-hospitalizations-in-largest-trial-to-date-11647601200 Ivermectin Didn't Reduce Covid-19 Hospitalizations in Largest Trial to Date; thestar.com/news/investigations/2022/03/19/how-vaccination-status-might-predict-views-on-the-russian-invasion-of-ukraine.html How vaccination status might predict views on the Russian invasion of Ukraine; apne.ws/GRs2XWy Moderna says its low-dose COVID shots work for kids under 6;
- □ Anti-vax, disinformation, and vaccine hesitancy stories: trending tweet "Whoops, we counted too many deaths as COVID deaths." "Whoops, the vaccine doesn't stop the spread." "Whoops, it also wears off in about 15 minutes." "Whoops, other treatments might actually work." None of this was an accident. Don't buy any of this "whoops" crap; discussion around Marjorie Taylor Greene: "JUST IN: Marjorie Taylor Greene just went on the House floor to attack COVID vaccines by claiming she has "never seen the CDC" recommend a 2nd and 3rd shot for polio. Actually, the CDC recommends FOUR doses of the polio vaccine at 2 months, 4 months, 6-18 months, and 4-6 years;" <a href="news.yahoo.com/rep-marjorie-taylor-greene-makes-090922615.html">news.yahoo.com/rep-marjorie-taylor-greene-makes-090922615.html</a> Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene Makes Her Most Ignorant Vaccine Claim Yet

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# Trends (tweets per week) March 18 – March 24

# **High Level View by City March 18 - March 24**

	Total PA	Philade	elphia	Pittsb	urgh	Eri	e	Allentown/	Bethlehem	01	ther
Conversation	Tweets	Tweets	%	Tweets	%	Tweets	%	Tweets	%	Tweets	%
Overall Vaccine	24248	11962	49.3%	8102	33.4%	211	0.9%	2788	11.5%	1185	4.9%
Vaccine Passports	216	111	0.9%	61	0.8%	1	0.5%	36	1.3%	7	0.6%
FDA Approval	57	30	0.3%	11	0.1%	2	0.9%	9	0.3%	5	0.4%
Boosters	905	473	4.0%	219	2.7%	4	1.9%	143	5.1%	66	5.6%
Employees	173	83	0.7%	72	0.9%			7	0.3%	11	0.9%
"Experimental"	68	30	0.3%	23	0.3%	1	0.5%	12	0.4%	2	0.2%
Children	505	279	2.3%	122	1.5%	4	1.9%	58	2.1%	42	3.5%
Myocarditis	77	42	0.4%	20	0.2%			14	0.5%	1	0.1%
Heart	346	189	1.6%	83	1.0%	3	1.4%	59	2.1%	12	1.0%
Masks	1414	739	6.2%	321	4.0%	23	10.9%	192	6.9%	139	11.7%
Thrombosis/VITT	49	35	0.3%	5	0.1%			8	0.3%	1	0.1%
Mandates	1169	667	5.6%	320	3.9%	4	1.9%	109	3.9%	69	5.8%
Natural Immunity	133	76	0.6%	34	0.4%			18	0.6%	5	0.4%
Efficacy	71	36	0.3%	13	0.2%	1	0.5%	17	0.6%	4	0.3%
Omicron	195	97	0.8%	43	0.5%	3	1.4%	35	1.3%	17	1.4%
Delta Variant	87	44	0.4%	19	0.2%			12	0.4%	12	1.0%
Race	530	253	2.1%	170	2.1%	7	3.3%	69	2.5%	31	2.6%
Ivermectin	111	46	0.4%	30	0.4%	1	0.5%	26	0.9%	8	0.7%
Military	68	29	0.2%	29	0.4%			10	0.4%		
Breakthrough	94	63	0.5%	14	0.2%			14	0.5%	3	0.3%

- Conversation topics trending this week over last
  - Breakthrough infections
    - Ivermectin
    - Children
    - Passports



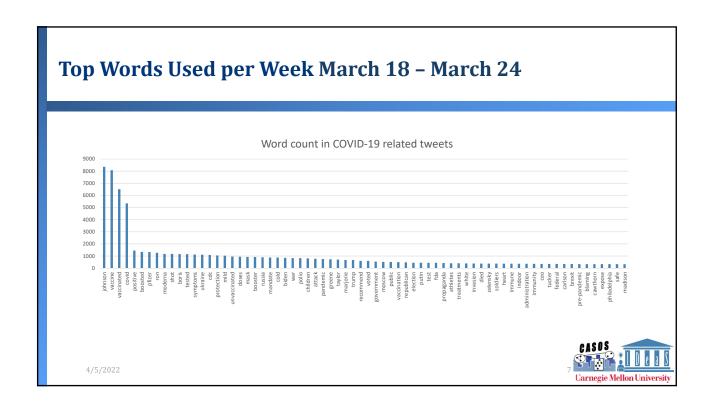
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# High Level View by County March 18 - March 24

County	Allegheny	Beaver	Butler	Cambria	Fayette	Indiana	Somerset	Westmoreland
Overall Vaccine	8380	19	18	7	11	7	2	26
Vaccine Passports	61							1
FDA	13							
Boosters	235	1						6
Employees	80							2
"Experimental"	24							
Children	139	1			1			1
Myocarditis	21							
Heart	85	1						
Masks	347		1	6	1	1		5
Thrombosis/VITT	5							
Mandates	348	1						4
Natural Immunity	35		1					
Efficacy	14							
Omicron	48							
Delta Variant	22					2		
Race	176							
Ivermectin	30	1	1		1	1		
Military	29							
Breakthrough	14							

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





### **Top Hashtags by County March 18 - March 24**

■ We've checked hashtags in several counties such as Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Cambria, Fayette, Indiana, Somerset, and West Moreland. 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	Beaver + Butler	Indiana	Fayette	West Moreland
russianronjohnson (293)	russianronjohnson (1)	talonsup (1)	russianronjohnson (1)	fauciliedpeopledied (1)
covid19 (116)	science (1)			grownish (1)
springstatement (56)	marchmadness (1)			pittsburgh (1)
pfizer (35)	mustbethemask (1)			
vaccinesideeffects (28)				



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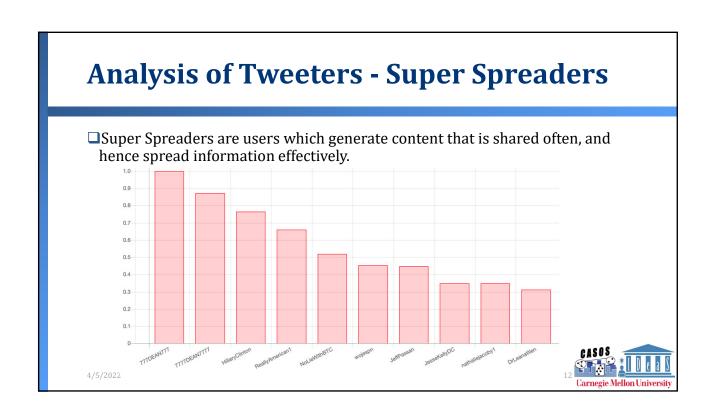
Philadelphia	Chester	Norristown	Pittsburgh	Erie	Allentown/ Bethlehem	Other
covid19 (153)	notoforcedvaccinesfo rgatherings (58)	pmqs (38)	russianronjohnson (292)	russianronjohnson (7)	russianronjohnson (56)	covid19 (28)
russianronjohnson (122)	russianronjohnson (14)	covid19 (29)	covid19 (101)	bills (3)	covid19 (47)	russianronjohnson (14)
longcovid (79)	pfizer (13)	partygate (19)	steelers (94)	democratsdeliver (3)	pfizer (14)	pghtransit (11)
vaxupphilly (47)	vaccine (13)	russianronjohnson (19)	springstatement (56)	ukraine (3)	bills (13)	vaccine (11)
vaccineequity (46)	bioweapon (8)	energycrisis (14)	nfl (54)	billsmafia (2)	longcovid (12)	pfizer (8)

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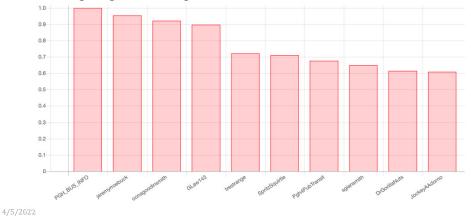
### Top URLs by County March 18 - March 24 Allegheny Butler + Beaver Fayette Indiana West Moreland newsandguts.com/wsi-antinews.sky.com/story/crackdown-onthetimes.co.uk/article/boris-johnsonbit.ly/3ldwPuy Support and parasitic-drug-didnt-redu lawfare-from-oligarchs-and-superbit.ly/3[rrWas Port Authority workers sorry-comparing-ukraine-wai Information for Those Newly Diagnosed with Metastatic Breast rich-promised-by-boris-johnson-12567998 Crackdown on 'lawfare' ovid-19-hospitalizations WSI: ccm Iohnson protest vaccine mandate, cite religious Anti-Parasitic Drug Didn't doesn't think Ukraine is comparable to exemptions (1) Reduce COVID-19 Hospitalizations (1) from oligarchs and super-rich promised by Boris Johnson (1) Cancer (1) Brexit, insists Rishi Sunak (32) theguardian.com/politics/2022/ mar/17/alan-johnsonpittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2022/03/18/portvashingtonpost.com/health/2022/03/2 pharmaciststeve.com/pfizer-recalls-2/funding-fourth-vaccine-doses White nyti.ms/3ws23nh Moderna will seek accidentally-ate-the-queensauthority-vaccine-mandate-protest 'We Are accidentally-ate-the-queens-corgis-biscuits-book-reveals Alan carcinogen Pfizer Recalls BP Drugs House officials say U.S. has exhausted emergency authorization of its Against Being Mandated To Do So:' Johnson accidentally ate the funds to buy potential fourth vaccine dose for all Americans (26) Unvaccinated Port Authority Employees vaccine for young children (1) Because of Potential Carcinogen (1) Queen's corgis' biscuits, book reveals (1) wsj.com/articles/ivermectin-didntpittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2022/03/22/dem reduce-covid-19-hospitalizations-in-largest-trial-to-date-11647601200 nstrators-protest-port-authoritys-vaccine instagram.com/p/CbMM IIAzW-When you actually like a picture of on Help Air This Ad On TV in Ivermectin Didn't Reduce Covid-19 Demonstrators Protest Port Authority's yourself@#mustbethemask (1) Wisconsin (1) Hospitalizations in Largest Trial to Date Vaccine Mandate In Downtown Pittsburgh (26) (1) thestar.com/news/investigations/2022/ wsj.com/articles/ivermectin-didnt- trialsitenews.com/stanford-study-spikenews.yahoo.com/rep-marjorie-03/19/how-vaccination-status-mightprotein-persists-in-patients-blo reduce-covid-19-hospitalizations-intaylor-greene-makes-090922615.html Rep. Marjorie after-pfizer-covid-vaccination Stanford predict-views-on-the-russian-invasionlargest-trial-to-date-11647601200 Ivermectin Didn't Reduce Covid-19 Hospitalizations in Largest Trial to Study: Spike Protein Persists in Patients' Blood Weeks After Pfizer COVID of-ukraine.html How vaccination status Taylor Greene Makes Her Most might predict views on the Russian Ignorant Vaccine Claim Yet (1) invasion of Ukraine (25) Date (1) Vaccination (1) thetimes.co.uk/article/boris-johnsonwsj.com/articles/ivermectin-didntas-at-tory-fundraiser-with-russianreduce-covid-19-host Boris Johnson was at Tory fundraiser with Russian donor on night of Ukraine Ivermectin Didn't Reduce Covid-19 Hospitalizations in Largest Trial to invasion (23) Date (1)

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washingtonpost.com/health/2022/ 03/22/funding-fourth-vaccine- doses White House officials say U.S has exhausted funds to buy potential fourth vaccine dose for all Americans (50)	bit.ly/3pnE2J8 Rates of laboratory-confirmed COVID- 19 hospitalizations by	wsj.com/articles/ivermectin-didnt- reduce-covid-19-hospitalizations-in- largest-trial-to-date-11647601200 Ivermectin Didn't Reduce Covid-19 Hospitalizations in Largest Trial to Date (20)	thetimes.co.uk/article/boris- johnson-sorry-comparing- ukraine-war-brexit-vote-rishi- sunak-lhhwicccm Johnson doesn't think Ukraine is comparable to Brexit, insists Rishi Sunak (32)	erie.gov/vax Clinic Schedule and Registration (3)	wsj.com/articles/ivermectin- didnt-reduce-covid-19- hospitalizations-in-largest-trial- to-date-11647601200   wermectin Didn't Reduce Covid-19 Hospitalizations in Largest Trial to Date (23)	apne.ws/GRs2XWy Mode says its low-dose COVID s work for kids under 6 (1
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# **Analysis of Tweeters - Super Friends**

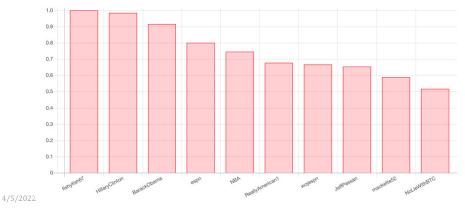
□Super Friends are users that exhibit frequent two-way communication, facilitating large or strong communication networks.





# **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.





## **Accounts Referenced by the Most Tweets**

☐ This shows the tweeters that are most often referenced (e.g. mentioned) in PA tweets. Value is the number of tweets that reference the agent.

Agent Label	Value
HillaryClinton[+]	649
ReallyAmerican1	483
NoLieWithBTC[+]	428
nathaliejacoby1	336
JesseKellyDC[+]	300
Chicago1Ray	209
lavern_spicer[+]	200
pfizer	184
DrLeanaWen[+]	181
HoopMixOnly	178

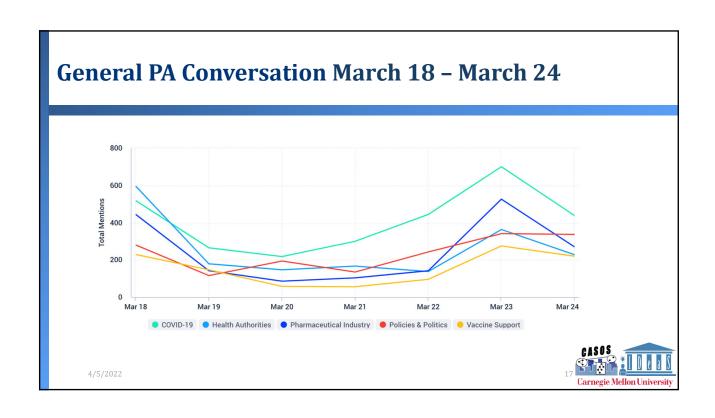


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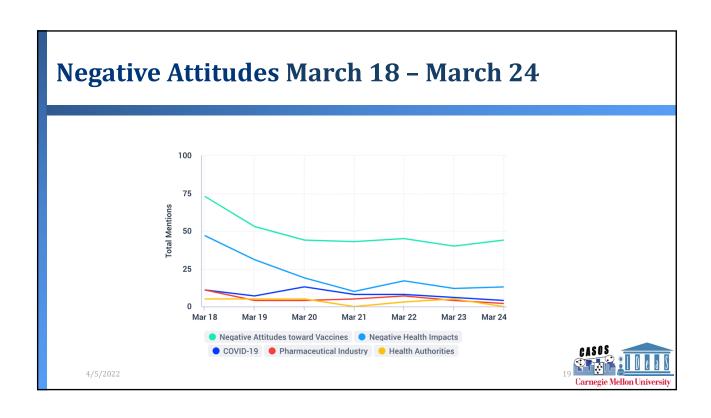
# **Trending Tweets March 18 - March 24**

Tweets that are the most forwarded, either by retweet, reply, or quote:

- □ Well, I've tested positive for COVID. I've got some mild cold symptoms but am feeling fine. I'm more grateful than ever for the protection vaccines can provide against serious illness. Please get vaccinated and boosted if you haven't already!
- □ JUST IN: Marjorie Taylor Greene just went on the House floor to attack COVID vaccines by claiming she has "never seen the CDC" recommend a 2nd and 3rd shot for polio. Actually, the CDC recommends FOUR doses of the polio vaccine at 2 months, 4 months, 6-18 months, and 4-6 years.
- □ "Whoops, we counted too many deaths as COVID deaths." "Whoops, the vaccine doesn't stop the spread." "Whoops, it also wears off in about 15 minutes." "Whoops, other treatments might actually work." None of this was an accident. Don't buy any of this "whoops" crap.
- □ VIDEO: Ron Johnson admitted Russia interfered in the 2016 election, then backtracked after visiting Moscow on the 4th of July. He then voted against every election security bill. Now he's blaming Biden for Putins invasion of Ukraine. Retweet to expose #RussianRonJohnson https://t.co/HMbu2Yr7Sw
- Russian state TV is now broadcasting Madison Cawthorn calling Zelensky a thug. Whether it be Tucker Carlson, Trump, Ron Johnson or Madison Cawthorn, the biggest validator to Russian propaganda throughout this war has been the Republican Party.
- ☐ For those who don't agree that the vaccinated can return to pre-pandemic normal, I ask: What should we all do? Perpetual masking? Forever not dining out, avoiding large weddings & indoor gatherings, etc? Virtually everything has risk, and zero covid is not a viable strategy.
- Magic Johnson and his celebrity crew walking into the playoffs.. Coldest photo of all-time! <a href="https://t.co/bmcGcNkglr">https://t.co/bmcGcNkglr</a>
- □ Sources: Brooklyn Nets star Kyrie Irving will be cleared for home games as New York City will on Thursday change private sector vaccine mandate to allow exemption for athletes and entertainers in workplace. Unvaccinated Yankees and Mets players also now eligible for home games.
- My husband wants us to go out to dinner with his friend and his wife, who are both anti-vaxxers. I told him I am not comfortable doing that because they did not get the Covid vaccine. Do YOU feel comfortable being around people you know who have NOT been vaccinated?
- ☐ Why y'all not posting "I got vax'd" selfies anymore???

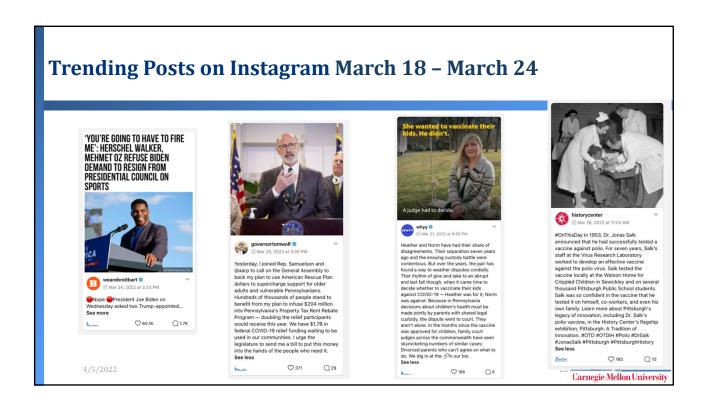


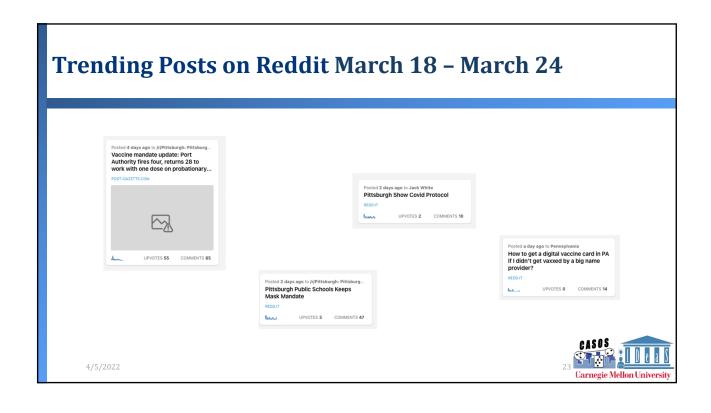












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