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CALL TO ACTION

This one is serious and we can't be apathetic about it. Governor Shapiro's Department of Health is proposing a MASSIVE infringement on Pennsylvania's Constitutional protections.

- The core change: Section 27.60 would allow disease control measures for the "prevention, containment or mitigation" of disease, not just "surveillance"
- Why that matters: The Pennsylvania Supreme Court struck down the statewide school mask mandate in 2021 because the rule said only "surveillance"
- New entry authority: Section 27.60a(b) would permit entry into an apartment, building, school or other location on an investigator's credentials, with no mention of a warrant

PA DOH REGULATION #10-242

PROPOSED RULE — PUBLIC COMMENT STAGE



1. WARRANTLESS ENTRY
DOH representatives can enter homes, schools, or other locations during investigations **WITHOUT** a warrant.



2. VACCINE DATABASE
Mandatory provider reporting of every vaccination; patients must **opt out** in writing.



3. PARENTAL RIGHTS
DOH staff could interact with kids at school **without parental notice or consent**.



4. CATCH-ALL AUTHORITY
Broad power to impose **masking, distancing, school exclusion**, and other measures at DOH discretion.



5. BYPASSES 2021 AMENDMENT
Voters limited the governor's unilateral emergency powers, critics say agency rule making **sidesteps** that check.



REVIEW. COMMENT. TAKE ACTION.

PUBLIC COMMENT BY SEPT. 21, 2026

If you had enough of government intrusion on your personal health decisions and that of your children, please submit a comment!
For more information where and how to submit a comment go to:
<https://www.keystonetownhall.com/calls-to-action.html>



FLIP PHILLY **Red**

- Also inside: 73 new reportable conditions, opt-out immunization reporting, a birth defects registry, opt-out prenatal HIV and hepatitis C testing, and a lower school fever threshold
- Cutting the other way: A broader vaccine exemption for child care, and a fixed vaccine list replacing deference to federal ACIP recommendations

How to Comment on the Regulation

Comments must be identified as pertaining to proposed rulemaking 10-242 (communicable and noncommunicable diseases), and they must arrive by **Sept. 21**.

- By email, the department's preferred method: RA-DHCHAPTR27PROPREG@pa.gov
- By mail: Theresa Kash, Pennsylvania Department of Health, 625 Forster Street, 8th Floor West, Health and Human Services Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120
- By phone, for accommodations or questions: (717) 547-3317

Contact your State Representative as well! And find out where the candidates stand on this issue.

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The Governor's office. The Department of Health answers to the governor. Gov. Josh Shapiro's office is at 225 Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, and takes calls at (717) 787-2500. There is a contact form at pa.gov/governor/contact-us, and the administration also runs a text line at (717) 788-8990.

More information can be found at

<https://lehighvalley.com/articles/pennsylvania-chapter-27-disease-rules-regulation-10-242>

\$9.6M Roundabout Proposed In Solebury

PennDOT is proposing to construct a roundabout to replace the existing signalized intersection at U.S. 202 (Lower York Road), Route 179 (West Bridge Street) and Kitchen Lane. The existing intersection will be realigned and reconfigured into a single lane roundabout, including a northbound bypass lane to Route 179.

The proposed work includes reconstructing and converting the existing signalized intersection into a modern roundabout, installing intersection lighting, and constructing sidewalks, multi-use trails, and ADA crossings.

According to PennDOT, the proposed conversion of the intersection to a roundabout will increase safety, reduce the number of conflict points, lower the frequency and severity of crashes, and alleviate area congestion.

We reached out to PennDOT for an update but have not yet received a response.



Pennsylvania, federal officials announce 'major healthcare fraud takedown'

PHILADELPHIA — The Justice Department and Pennsylvania officials announced charges against 19 people accused of participating in home health care schemes involving more than \$4 million in fraudulent Medicare and Medicaid claims.

Allegations

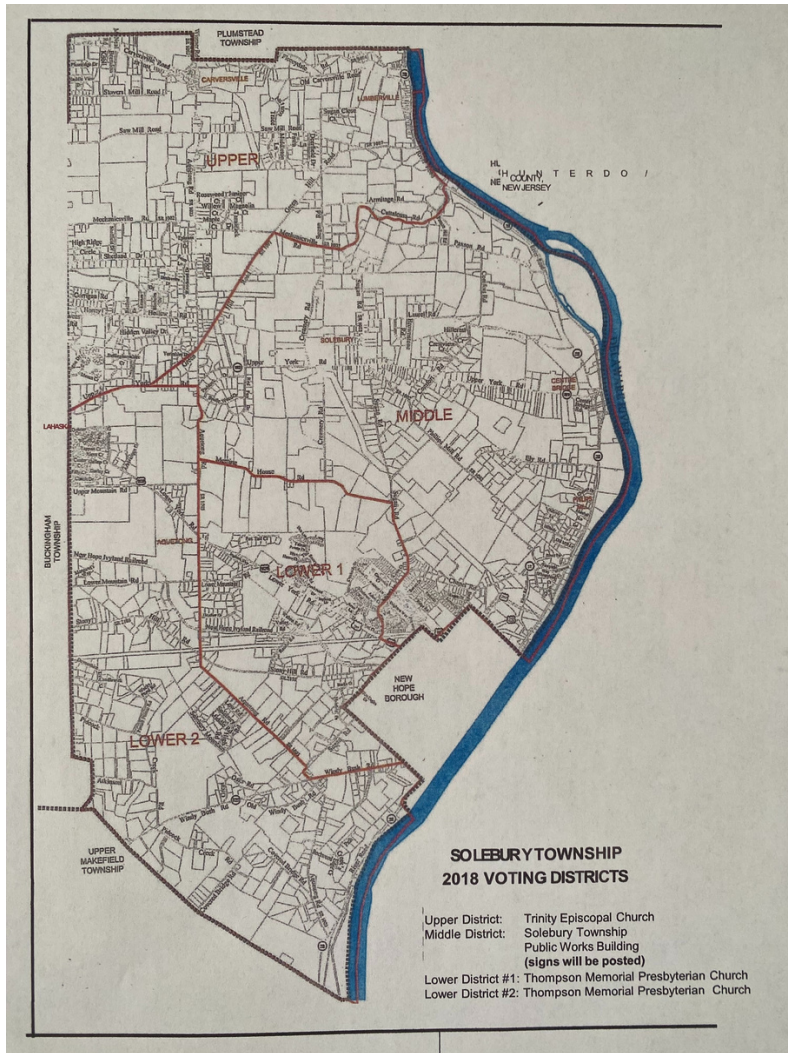
- One defendant is accused of billing Medicaid for caring for as many as seven recipients simultaneously. On more than 1,100 occasions, that person claimed to have worked more than 24 hours in one day, totaling over 64,000 impossible work hours and more than \$1.2 million in Medicaid payments, according to DOJ.
- Another defendant reported more than 8,700 overlapping work hours, including nearly 400 days with more than 24 hours of claimed work, authorities said. The alleged scheme cost Medicaid over \$180,000.
- A third defendant is accused of billing more than 1,300 hours of home care provided to a Medicaid recipient who was incarcerated on state drug charges.
- Officials said one defendant, in a recorded conversation, called home health care “the best kept secret” and said the work had earned him about \$500,000 over five years, despite acknowledging, “I ain’t checking on nobody.”
- Article Link: <https://www.wgal.com/article/pennsylvania-federal-officials-to-announce-major-health-care-fraud-takedown/73343943>

Shapiro is refusing to fully share PA's Medicaid fraud data with federal investigators. He would rather protect his own political future than protect Bucks County taxpayers from rampant fraud and theft.



VOTE VOTE VOTE

All Voting Is Local



Polling Places:

**Lower District #1 - Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church
1680 Aquetong Road**

**Lower District #2 - Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church
1680 Aquetong Road**

**Middle District - Solebury Township Public Works Building
3092 Sugan Road**

**Upper District - Trinity Episcopal Church
6587 Upper York Road**

New Hope/Solebury:

House of Representatives - District 1

PA State Senate - District 10

PA State House - District 29

Our Beliefs:

- * A belief in smaller government, and by extension, a belief that the size and reach of the federal government should be limited.
- * A belief that the proper function of government is to provide those few things that have to be done but cannot be done, or done well, by the private sector.
- * A belief in fiscal conservatism, embodied in limited taxation and limited government spending.
- * A belief in strong national defense to preserve the peace and protect our national interests abroad.

**The New Hope Solebury Republican Club meets every third Wednesday of the month
at 7pm.**

Contact us for more information:

<https://nhsrc.org/contact-us-1>

Are you intersted in getting involved?

We can use your help on Election Day. We need help outside and inside the polling locations.

Outside, we need volunteers to staff the New Hope Solebury Republican tables. This is done in shifts. You do not need to be available the whole day to volunteer.

Inside, you will be committing to an AM or PM shift and be willing to participate in training.

Conatct us at nhsr1776@gmail.com if you are interested in either and we will get you the information to move forward.

