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SHAPIRO SIGNS ORDER

Pennsylvania families will see expanded vaccine access under an executive order signed Wednesday by Governor **Josh Shapiro**. The action establishes a state-based safety net for children's vaccines, creates an online portal, and strengthens communication to counter misinformation. The PA Departments of Health, Aging, and Education will coordinate efforts to ensure residents have reliable, evidence-based guidance.

PA PREFERRED

The theme for the 2026 Pennsylvania Farm Show was announced yesterday as "Growing a Nation." It is intended to highlight how Pennsylvania agriculture will continue to lead the nation in shaping and growing its future. The farm show will be the first event to kick off a year of special events in Pennsylvania to celebrate America's 250th anniversary. *No celebration of the nation is complete without a milkshake from the Pennsylvania Farm Show...*

SCOOTIN' TO SAFETY

Pennsylvania State Senator **Tim Kearney** recently introduced a bill, known as Abby's Law, that would regulate the use of electric scooters. The bill would impose age limitations and a 20-mph speed restriction alongside granting the same rights and duties to low-speed electric scooters on a roadway as a bicycle. Additionally, scooters can only have one passenger and drivers under 18 must wear a helmet.

RED ROSE ROCKS

Lancaster just landed in the top 1% of WalletHub's "Best Small Cities in America" list for 2025, scoring big on affordability, safety, and quality of life. The top three best small cities in the U.S. were Carmel, Indiana, Brookfield, Wisconsin, and Apex, North Carolina, respectively.

APPLE OF MY EYE

The Adams County National Apple Harvest Festival begins tomorrow. This event held the first two weeks of October brings in guests from all over to experience live music, attractions and hundreds of vendors offering handmade crafts and apple-inspired food and beverages; some of these treats include apple dumplings, apple pizza, and apple grilled cheese. Proceeds go towards the community organizations and sponsors who make the Apple Harvest Festival possible. Tickets can be purchased [here](#). *Now who thought it was a good idea to put apple on pizza?*



Happy Birthday

Today:

- Former Congresswoman **Allyson Y. Schwartz**
- Former State Representative **Jim Christiana**
- **Shannon Graham**, Executive Vice President, Advocacy and Strategic Alliances, PhRMA
- **Andrew Furman***, William & Hannah Penn Fellow, PA Department of Environmental Protection

Saturday:

- Lieutenant Governor of PA **Austin Davis**
- **Val DiGiorgio III**, General Counsel, Omnis Law Group, LLC
- **Karen Waters**, Legislative Assistant, Office of Representative Kerwin
- **Mel Billingsley**

Sunday:

- Former State Representative **Jim Cox**
- **Ken Varhola**, Chief of Staff, Allegheny County Council
- **David Kozak**, Chief of Staff, Senator Dan Laughlin
- **Dan Sachetta**, Legislative Reporter, Pennsylvania Legislative Services
- **Timika Lane**, Judge, PA Superior Court
- **Kevin L. Boyce**, Board President, Franklin County Board of Commissioners
- Former State Representative **Mike Vereb**



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