Learn and Do More

Thank you for tuning in with us to hear Pitt Chancellor Emeritus Mark Nordenberg and Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald discuss how and what measures Allegheny County has taken to protect the health, safety, and democracy of its citizens. The following document provides resources mentioned during the interview and suggested action items.

Video References:

- Meet the new Director of the Allegheny County Health Department, Dr. Debra Bogen.
- In 2018, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette published an article titled *Race, gender, location disparities found in county study of death rates*. The article relays data on disparities in health outcomes in Allegheny County.
- Municipalities could suffer over $500 million in lost tax revenues as a result of COVID-19. This would have a significant impact on the ability of local governments to deliver needed services to their residents.
- Learn more about voluntary municipal disincorporation with the IOP’s resource.
- Read more about the headline *Soaring Municipal Failures Loom*, mentioned by Pitt Chancellor Emeritus Mark Nordenberg.
- Learn why jails and prisons are so vulnerable to COVID-19 from *The Justice Collaborative*.
- Read more about local action to protect people behind bars in Allegheny County Jail.
- Learn *why we turn to scientists in times of crisis* and how governance is informed by public health experts.

Take Action:

  - Request your Mail-in Ballot by October 27, 2020.
  - Check your voter registration and register to vote
  - Find your polling place
  - Additional resources for absentee and mail-in ballots
  - Sign up to be a poll worker on election day.
- Volunteer in your local community. Find an opportunity with VolunteerMatch.
- Support organizations addressing people’s needs as a result of COVID-19. Check out COVID-19 Top Nonprofits.
- Engage in conversation with a friend or family member over the phone.

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