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## *Community Vaccination Center*

The Adams County Community Vaccination Center (CVC) opened Thursday, March 18, 2021 at the Adams County Department of Emergency Services (911 Center) next to the prison 230 Greenamayer Lane, Gettysburg, PA 17325. The highly anticipated center came to fruition because of the critical need for vaccinations, vision, planning and collaboration between Adams County and Wellspan Health. This county owned facility is an excellent venue for the CVC. Using a county owned facility made the logistics of creating the center and partnership seamless and expeditious while awaiting Wellspan supply to trigger the opening.

Initially, the CVC will be open Thursday, Saturday & Sunday from 11AM – 8PM. Currently approximately 350 vaccinations are being administered per day. Wellspan estimates that when supply allows an increase in operations, approximately 4,000 vaccinations will be



administered each week. Adams County is supplying the venue, maintenance, security and parking control. Wellspan is making the appointments, supplying the vaccine, registering patients, providing qualified staff to administer the vaccine and monitoring recipient's after they receive the vaccine.

This is a shining example of a valuable community partnership. A special shout out to Wellspan staff along with ACDES Director Warren Bladen, County Manager Steve Nevada and County Solicitor Molly Mudd for their collaboration in making this happen. A reminder that vaccinations at the CVC are by appointment only. There will be no walk-in service and coming with another individual that has an appointment will not result in vaccination. Appointments can be made on My Wellspan [www.wellspan.org](http://www.wellspan.org) or by calling the Wellspan Covid – 19 Hotline at 855-851-3641. If appointments are not currently available, complete the COVID-19 Vaccine Interest Questionnaire and you will be notified when appointments become available to you (based on eligibility and vaccine supply). Notifications will be made to those who submitted the interest form in the order received. It may be several weeks until clients receive a notification.

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## Cornerstone Retirement Plan

Cornerstone serves as the retirement plan advisor for the County's 457(b) Plan. Cornerstone's responsibilities include monitoring investments and platforms as well as advocating for plan participants. Click on the following link for a better understanding of why saving into the County retirement plan can be an efficient way for you to accumulate retirement assets. [Cornerstone's Zoom Meeting - Zoom](#)

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## Destination Gettysburg Select New Director

It is a given that Adams Counties two largest economic drivers are Tourism and Agriculture. Thus, Destination Gettysburg leadership is important for Adams County. Destination Gettysburg announced that Karl Pietrzak has been selected as the new President and CEO of the organization. Pietrzak will immediately begin working through the transition with former President and CEO Norris Flowers. Flowers is retiring after 15 years with Destination Gettysburg and 50 years overall in the tourism industry. Pietrzak comes to Gettysburg with over 25 years of experience in the tourism and hospitality industry. He previously served as Vice President of Convention Sales with Visit Pittsburgh for seven years. Prior to holding that position, he served Visit Pittsburgh as Senior National Sales Director for four years and Sales Director for three. He also worked at Hilton Pittsburgh, Westin Cincinnati, and Westin William Penn hotels in their sales departments.

"Having grown up in Gettysburg and Adams County, the opportunity to lead the tourism promotion efforts in this special destination is a dream come true," said Pietrzak. "I'm excited to build on the past successes at Destination Gettysburg and partner with the community to lead our tourism industry to new levels of success." At Visit Pittsburgh, Pietrzak successfully led sales team to book over 2 million room nights and generate over \$1 billion in direct spending revenue in 2012-2019. He also oversaw the rebranding of the meeting and convention division as MeetPITTSBURGH and rolled out the new brand locally and nationally in early 2020.

Pietrzak served on boards and committees for travel in-

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dustry, business event associations and community service organizations. He earned his Certified Association Sales Executive Certification (CASE) and is a Certified Destination Marketing Executive (CDME). Welcome back to Adams County Karl!

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## CHIRP & ERAP Stimulus Programs

There are currently two active stimulus programs in Adams County for which the County is the applicant. Adams County received \$1.16M for the *COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program* (CHIRP), which is being administered by the Adams County Economic Development Corporation. This program began accepting applications on Monday, March 15, 2021. For further information contact the Adams County Economic Alliance <https://adamsalliance.org/chirp/> or phone 717-334-0042.

Adams County also applied for and received \$6,774,933 in *Emergency Rental Assistance Program* (ERAP) funds from the Federal Government and State. Adams County has appointed South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP) as the administrator of the funds. Assistance is for individuals and families under 80 percent of the median income (details on SCCAP's website). For those who are eligible, they can receive assistance for up to 12 months of arrearages. The program will remain open until December 31, unless all the funding is expended before that time. For additional information about the program along with all needed documents please go to [www.sccap.org](http://www.sccap.org) or call 717-334-7634.



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Well folks Spring has finally arrived! Thank Goodness! There is optimism that this Spring will be kinder to us than Spring 2020. Some flowers and buds are pushing; while robins are cavorting in my yard waiting to try and build their nests on my porch. It remains to be seen if my Golden Retriever Bailey and turning the six ceiling fans on 24/7 will keep the Robins at bay. Adams County has an abundance of fabulous outdoor opportunities and getting outside as Spring descends upon us is a great tonic.

Next Sunday, March 28, head to the *Biglerville Fire Department* (BFD) for a drive thru *Roast Turkey Dinner*. If you like roast turkey with all the trimmings, pre-order your dinners by calling 717-465-6967 or go on the BFD Facebook. The cost is \$11. You must pre-order but can pay at pick-up from 12p-2p. *Fairfield Friends Helping Friends* is having a clothing drive on Saturday, April 10. Gently used clothes can be dropped off at the Carroll Valley Community Park Pavilion between 9a-12p. Shopping will be held from 12p-3p. Organizers of the event request that the size of each item be plainly marked. March is Women's History month! The *Gettysburg Licensed Town Guides* are celebrating this event by providing walking tours each weekend in March. Join them for a one-hour special tour discussing some of the heroics of these special women during the battle of Gettysburg. Tours are at 11a & 1p and depart from the Gettysburg Hotel. Cost is \$15 for adults with children 8 and under free. Call 717-253-5737 for reservations.

Hop on over to *Hollabaugh Bros.* in Biglerville for an *Easter Egg Hunt* on Saturday April 3 from 10a-1p. An easter egg hunt will be held every 20 minutes with 3 groups divided by age. Take a walk on the Fairy Trail through the orchards and play some of the lawn games. There will also be photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny and an Easter themed scavenger hunt. Kids get a free ice cream. Parents and grandparents are welcome to enjoy this fun event at no charge. Kids should bring their own baskets. The event will be held rain or shine. Cost per child is \$8. Masks are required over age 2. Pre-registration is required. To register call 717-677-8412 or go to [hollabaughbros.com](http://hollabaughbros.com)

No matter what you do get out there and experience all the historic, agricultural, recreational, natural, and cultural opportunities that beautiful Adams County has to offer!