COVID-19 Pandemic 2021 Incidence and Variations

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Covid-19: Incidence (CDC)

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Cases
US
     32,969,905
     Deaths: 587,830
     1.2 M
PA
     Deaths: 27,137
Columbia County Bloomsburg University
     66
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Deaths: < 10

Covid-19 and Deaths: Age Group

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• 0 - 17 years 295
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Covid-19: Impact on Schools

- School closures
- Social isolation
- Falling behind in learning gains
- Concerns for students with special needs
- Summer learning loss

Impact on Students and Academic Progress

- Assessments in class performance are falling, e.g., math: scores fell 5 to 10 percentile points in 2020
- Computer issues interfere with on-line learning
- Many students are cut from free school lunches
- Teachers find teaching difficult when students wear masks and sit behind plastic shields

Covid-19: Impact of Geographical Setting

Disparities

- Communities of color
- Rural areas
- Low-income areas

Covid-19: Impact on Access to Medical Resources

- Influenced by:
 - Household crowding
 - Higher percentage of color
 - Higher racialized economic segregation

Going Forward

Key Factors

- Establish community partnerships: volunteers, agencies, schools, non-profits, news media
- Set goals and track progress
- Publish data both locally and academically