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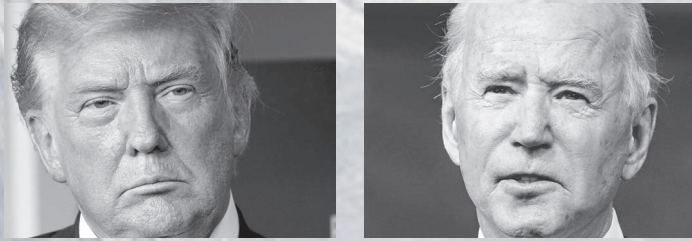
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WHAT HAPPENS TOMORROW AND AFTER AS PENNSYLVANIA'S ELECTORS CONVENE TO CAST THEIR VOTES FOR PRESIDENT

# ELECTORAL KNOWLEDGE

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**T**omorrow at noon, the next stage of the 2020 election is set to take place. Twenty individuals from every corner of Pennsylvania will gather in Harrisburg to cast their votes for president of the United States. They are the commonwealth's presidential electors, appointed by the winning campaign of President-elect Joe Biden to fulfill the duties laid out in Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution, the 12th Amendment, and codified in federal law.

And just as COVID-19 changed so many traditions this year, the meeting of Pennsylvania's Electoral College is no different. Instead of convening at the Capitol in the chamber of the state House of Representatives for an ornate ceremony filled with pomp and circumstance, this year's gathering will take place in the Forum Auditorium, across from the Harrisburg Capitol Complex.

### WATCH THE VOTE

Watch the Pennsylvania Electoral College ceremony live at noon Monday on PCN or at [LancasterOnline.com](http://LancasterOnline.com).

The 1,600-occupancy auditorium, which is the venue for the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, will allow those attending in person to practice social distancing, according to a Department of State letter sent to the House of Representatives.

The ceremony itself will look very different. Four years ago, a carefully choreographed gathering occurred, with speeches by Gov. Tom Wolf, then-Commonwealth Secretary Pedro Cortes, and the two Trump electors selected to lead the college — Robert Gleason of Cambria

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### ELECTION DAY TO INAUGURATION DAY

#### NOV. 3: ELECTION DAY

Voters voted. Over the next days and weeks, absentee/mail-in and provisional ballots are counted, and results are audited and certified by election officials.

#### DEC. 8: "SAFE HARBOR" DEADLINE

Under the Electoral Count Act, this is the federal "safe harbor" deadline for states to certify election results and settle any state court legal challenges; Congress must accept the results of states meeting this deadline.

#### DEC. 14: ELECTORAL VOTES CAST

State electors meet to cast their paper votes for president. By law they meet on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December. The candidate with 270 or more votes wins.

#### DEC. 23: VOTES ARRIVAL

Electoral votes must arrive in Washington.

#### JAN. 3: NEW CONGRESS SWORN IN

The official start of the 117th Congress. Georgia's two Senate seats will remain unfilled until after a Jan. 5 runoff election.

#### JAN. 6: ELECTORAL VOTES COUNTED

A joint session of Congress convenes, with Vice President Mike Pence presiding. Electoral votes will be read aloud and counted in alphabetical order. Pence will certify the results and listen for objections. If there are objections, the House and Senate consider them separately to decide how to count those votes.

#### JAN. 20: INAUGURATION DAY

The new president and vice president are sworn into office at noon.

### COVID-19

# Vaccine rolls out today

Shipments will start to arrive in states on Monday morning

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's first COVID-19 vaccine will begin arriving in states Monday morning, U.S. officials said Saturday, after the government gave the final go-ahead to the shots needed to end an outbreak that has killed nearly 300,000 Americans.

Trucks will roll out this morning as shipping companies UPS and FedEx begin delivering Pfizer's vaccine to nearly 150 distribution centers across the states, said Army Gen. Gustave Perna of Operation Warp Speed, the Trump administration's vaccine development program. An additional 425 sites will get shipments Tuesday, and the remaining 66 on Wednesday.

Initially, about 3 million doses were expected to be shipped nationwide. It was unclear exactly who would receive the first shots, though health care workers and nursing home residents were the priority. Perna said health authorities would decide.

A similar number of shots will be held back for those recipients' second dose, which is needed for full protection from COVID-19.

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### COURTS

# Short days, big benefits

Some district judges enjoying perks, seemingly light caseload

### DANIEL SIMMONS-RITCHIE AND CHRISTINE VENDEL

SPOTLIGHT PA AND PENNLIVE

Greg Johnson has a pretty good job — and even better benefits.

The Dauphin County magisterial district judge and his colleagues across the state earn \$93,338 a year, with the possibility of a pension and lifetime health care, funded largely by taxpayers.

So it might come as a surprise that 2019 court data revealed he sometimes had proceedings just two days a week. That also allowed him to tend to his family business — a nursery and landscaping company north of Harrisburg.

In Delaware County, Judge Robert Radano had a nice setup, too.

Setting aside weekends, holidays, and a week of training, Radano had the equivalent of five months without court appearances. He also worked a second job, as a practicing attorney.

And in Allegheny County, Judge Anthony

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