

TC News

Luzerne County, Pa Treatment Court Newsletter

Some facts about The Holidays!

- We frequently abbreviate Christmas as X-mas because of ancient tradition. X is the Greek letter "chi" which is an abbreviation for the word "Christ" in Greek.
- All letters addressed to Santa in the United States go to Santa Claus, Indiana.
- Some zoos accept donated Christmas trees as food for their animals.
- Nearly all of the most popular Christmas songs including 'Winter Wonderland', 'Chestnuts roasting...', and 'I'm Dreaming of a white Christmas' were written by Jewish people.
- An artificial Christmas tree would have to be reused for more than 20 years to be "greener" than buying a fresh-cut tree annually.
- The word Chanukah means dedication and the celebration is referred to as the Festival of Lights or the Feast of Dedication.
- There are many ways to spell it, from Hanukkah to Hannuka to Chanukah. The word is transliterated from Hebrew and there is not an exact English equivalent for the sounds made by the Hebrew characters.
- Around 17.5 million doughnuts (sufganiyah) are consumed during Chanukah to commemorate the miracle of oil (not the best time to start a diet that's for sure).
- Chanukah is not the Jewish version of Christmas and there is no real significance to gifts given during the holiday.
- Though it is one of the most well-known and celebrated Jewish festivals, Chanukah is actually a more minor holiday, according to religious tradition, than Passover, Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur. The holiday is not even mentioned in the Torah.
- Kwanzaa was first observed in 1966.
- The word "Kwanzaa" is derived from Swahili and translates to "first fruits of the harvest."
- The seven days of the Kwanzaa celebration correspond with seven principles: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.
- Seven candles are lit during Kwanzaa – the first one is black, the second is red and the third is green. The remaining four candles alternate between red and green. Red, green and black are the holiday's symbolic colors.
- Kwanzaa isn't a religious holiday, but a cultural celebration of African heritage and togetherness. *Source: ipeweb.com*



Wash your hands

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds



Social Distance

Stand at least 6 feet apart



Wear your mask

Secure mask over your nose and mouth



The Handbook

Need to know something? Review your participant handbook.

When you first come into the program it can be very overwhelming. You may have been waiting for quite some time and the day is finally here for acceptance. You likely have met several or most of the team members and the amount of information can be overwhelming.

The Treatment Court handbook has everything you need to know. And if it's not in there, it has the phone numbers of the people who do know and that can get you the information you need.

It is suggested, if not expected, that you read it cover to cover so you are well aware of all of the rules, regulations and all of the pertinent aspects of the program.

You are responsible for all of the information in the handbook.

If you have any questions, please reach out to team members as soon as possible.

Stay “off the hook”, read your book! 



👉 TREATMENT COURT “ HUNGER GAMES” FOOD DRIVE

👉 Any Treatment Court participant to bring in a non-perishable food item for our food drive, will receive and **EXTRA** ticket in our fishbowl incentive drawing. Every Friday thru Christmas.

👉 Adopt-a-highway! The Mundy Street Cleanup will resume soon.

👉 For updates and information “like” our **FACEBOOK PAGE, “Luzerne County TC”**

👉 The next **Alumni Group** is **Friday, 12/18/20 at 3pm by ZOOM**. Check with GEO for questions.

👉 **Graduation** is scheduled for **February 12, 2021** with a deadline for completed requirements by January 15, 2021.

👉 Please continue to inform team members of any changes.