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Vow to address gun violence met with skepticism

As homicides rise, Democratic pols admit they ‘don’t have the answer’

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In the midst of rising homicides in Philadelphia, a slow start by local and state Democratic officials pledged to launch a coordinated effort to address gun violence.

Yet politicians admitted they “don’t have the answer” to reverse the trend of increasing gun violence as yet and have failed to be “committed to the problem” in the past.

A following closed-door community meeting at West Philadelphia YMCA, Gov. Tom Wolf said the level of gun violence throughout the state was “unacceptable” and more must be done to address thenesses that were fueling gun violence.

“But we’re not getting any better. A lot more needs to be done,” Wolf said while standing alongside officials outside the YMCA. He added “We cannot keep going on the way we are right now.”

State Sen. Anthony Will-

The reasons behind the violence are complex and multifaceted, but there are some key factors that are contributing to the rise in gun violence in Philadelphia. One of the main reasons is the lack of resources in the inner-city neighborhoods. These neighborhoods are characterized by poverty, unemployment, and a lack of opportunities. This has led to a culture of violence and a lack of respect for the law.

Another factor is the lack of access to education and job opportunities. Many residents of these neighborhoods do not have access to quality education, which can lead to a lack of skills and knowledge that are needed to get good jobs. This can lead to a sense of hopelessness and frustration, which can sometimes lead to violence.

Finally, the media and popular culture also play a role in perpetuating a culture of violence. Many films, TV shows, and video games depict violence as a normal and acceptable way to settle disputes. This can lead to a normalization of violence, which can make it seem like an acceptable way to solve problems.

These are just a few of the reasons why gun violence is so high in Philadelphia. It will take a concerted effort by all levels of government, law enforcement, and the community to address this issue and bring about a lasting solution.

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Benefits outweigh rare clot risk; warnings to be added, feds say

David Craxy

NEW YORK — With a green light from Federal health officials, many states resumed use of the one-shot Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine on Saturday. Among the other states ordering or recommend ing the J&J vaccine, along with Indiana, were Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma and Virginia.

The moves were swift — especially in Black and brown inner-city neighborhoods — to fill a critical gap in the nation’s vaccination effort.

The vaccine is the vaccine at all of our state-run vaccine sites on Sunday, said Tom Farley, New York’s health commissioner.

“This is the talk that Black parents are having — ‘The sooner we all get vaccinated, the sooner we can put the pandemic behind us,’ ” Cuomo said in a statement Saturday morning.

As the city reports 500 new COVID-19 cases a day, Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley announced two changes that will affect vaccine distribution in Philadelphia.

Effective immediately, many restaurants with outdoor accommodations can increase outdoor capacity from 25% to 50%.

The changes come as the city reported 441 additional confirmed cases of COVID-19, as of Friday, bringing the citywide total to 185,227.

The Philadelphia Tribune Corporation for Aging (PCA) has partnered with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging’s PACE program to provide COVID-19 vaccines to its members.

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As police encounters increase, so does need for ‘The Talk’

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On a YouTube video, a mother tells her lighter-skinned son, right, that he might not have the same problems as his brother because his skin tone and his father’s race would allow him to avoid the worst of it.

“Man and I have nothing to hide,” she continues. “And I have nothing to hide. But he can’t.”

The words, cradled by her father, were designed to keep him victim in a police killing.

On her 13-year-old son, a 12-year-old Tamir Rice, in other words, there was a toy gun, had become “acci-
dentally” or “because of mistakes” in which Black children were seen as threats by police.

“Let’s kill young blacks,” (mostly males, but increas-
ingly others) said a police report. “They have become an occupational hazard for police these days.”

The accelerating pace of minority youth fatalities with gun violence shows that African-American youth are increasingly crossing paths with those sworn to “protect and serve” in a world filled with guns, drugs, racial pro-
filing, fists and “take care” on the internet.

“The root causes of the issues are not going to go away unless it’s addressed by the people standing behind me,” Mayor Jim Kenney had said while standing alongside Gov. Tom Wolf Saturday morning.

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The shift in the state’s gun control measures passed $35 million investment deployment: the Indianapolis of local and state Democratic officials pledged to launch a coordinated effort to address

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In the wake of the recent mass shootings in Boulder, Colorado, and Buffalo, New York, there has been a renewed focus on gun violence and its impacts on communities of color.

Black and brown youth are disproportionately affected by gun violence, which can have long-lasting effects on their mental health, education, and employment opportunities.

It is crucial that policymakers and community leaders work together to address the root causes of gun violence and provide equitable access to resources and support for those most impacted.

Black and brown communities deserve to live free from the threat of gun violence and the systemic racism and inequality that perpetuates it.