

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Press Conference to Be Held Prior to 10/7 PA DOH Community Meeting on Childhood Cancers: Affected Parents, Concerned Groups Call on Governor Wolf, DOH to Act

Affected parents and concerned groups will hold a press conference prior to the Pennsylvania Department of Health's October 7 community meeting discussing childhood cancers in southwestern Pennsylvania. The parents and groups are calling on Governor Tom Wolf and the DOH to take immediate action to investigate childhood cancers in the region and take steps to protect residents from health impacts that may be associated with local industrial activities, including shale gas drilling.

Date: Monday, October 7

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Canon-McMillan High School, Canonsburg, PA 15317

The press conference is planned to include remarks from, among others, Janice Blanock, mother of the late Luke Blanock, who passed away from Ewing sarcoma in 2016, as well as representatives of the Better Path Coalition, Food and Water Watch, Physicians for Social Responsibility–Philadelphia, and the Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project.

About the Better Path Coalition

The [Better Path Coalition](#) is a frontline- and grassroots-led statewide coalition forging a better path to a clean, renewable energy future and a government that is responsive to its people.

About Food and Water Watch

[Food & Water Action](#) is the political advocacy arm of the research and education organization [Food & Water Watch](#). We mobilize people to build political power to move bold and uncompromised solutions to the most pressing food, water and climate problems of our time.

About Physicians for Social Responsibility–Philadelphia

[Physicians for Social Responsibility \(PSR\) Pennsylvania](#) promotes social responsibility by protecting health, the environment and communities through education, training, direct service, and advocacy. We speak out against violence – from the street level to the global level – and whether against humans or against the very biosphere in which we live.

About Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project

The [Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project](#) (EHP) is a nonprofit public health organization that defends public health in the face of oil and gas development. EHP provides frontline communities with timely monitoring, interpretation and guidance. EHP engages diverse stakeholders: health professionals, researchers, community organizers, public servants, and others. EHP does so because knowledge protects health.