

**OPPOSE [SB 633 Costa](#)**– Would allow the governor to declare a public health emergency for up to 90 days. The provisions of the bill are extremely vague and open ended. It is entirely possible that it would enable public health officials to forcibly vaccinate or detain Pennsylvanians against their will, regardless of any religious or philosophical objections.

**SB 633 already passed the Senate and is currently in the [House Health Committee](#).**  
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This bill authorizes public health workers to treat “for a **reportable disease** or condition **as necessary** to prevent and control the spread of disease or condition.”

**Pennsylvania already has 74 “[reportable diseases](#)”<sup>1</sup>** including influenza, and typically mild infections such as chicken pox and mumps. In the future, other diseases may be added to the “reportable disease” list - further broadening the reach of this legislation.

**There are NO restrictions on the “as necessary” provision of this bill.**

- Does that mean forced vaccination?
- Removal of children from homes?
- Forced internment?
- Without enumerated limitations, this bill would empower the state without restriction.

[New York City](#) used a similar law to declare a public health emergency and sent health officials door to door to forcibly vaccinate citizens when measles were detected in April 2019.

**SB 633 enables:**

- Suspension of current regulations which currently constrain the Department of Health’s actions toward citizens.
- New regulations can be promulgated without public input.
- Public workers are granted immunity for their actions under this bill.
- Grants new authorization to pharmacists to administer all vaccines to all ages.

SB 633 allows the state government unrestrained and unprecedented power over the citizenry.

**SB633 destroys citizens’ protection from the state that has been the bedrock of our nation since its founding.**

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Reporting-Registries/Pages/Reportable-Diseases.aspx>