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Dear Residents of SD-44:

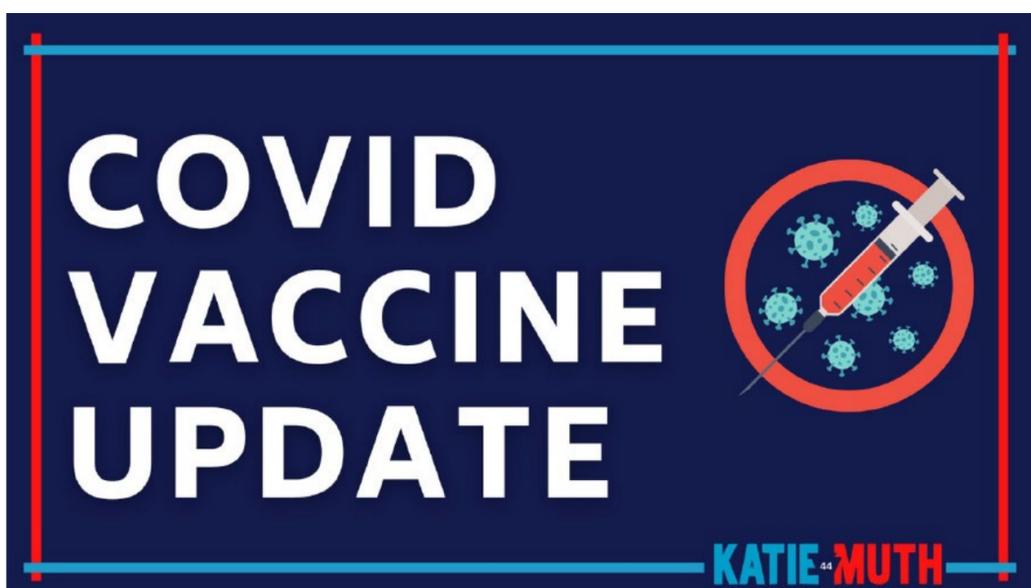
I hope all of you were able to enjoy the beautiful weather this past weekend. In the near future, I hope to be able to see many of you in-person at community events and town halls. With the expected ramp of COVID vaccine supply to our region, it is only a matter of time before we are able to get back to some semblance of normalcy. In the meantime, please continue to stay safe and do not hesitate to [reach out to my office](#) for any assistance.

In this e-blast, you will find information on the updated COVID vaccine rollout timeline, an opportunity to serve on the legislative redistricting committee, and a webinar on affordable healthcare through Pennsylvania's Healthcare Marketplace, Pennie.

Follow the latest updates, be sure to like and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Senator Katie Muth

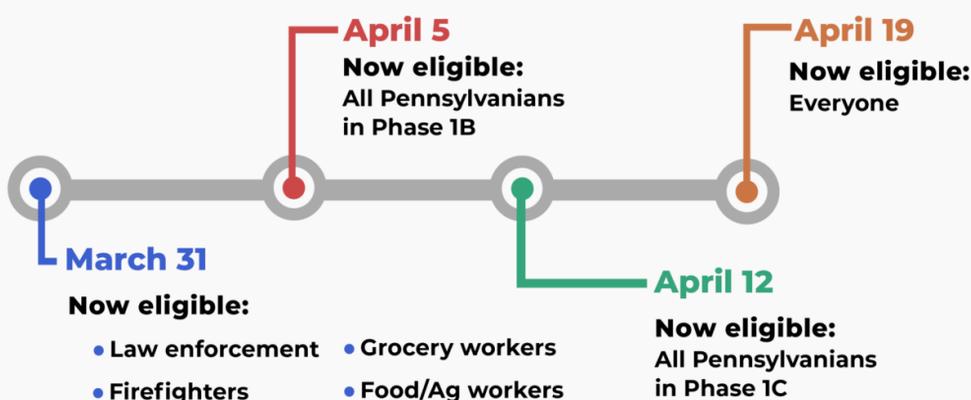
## COVID Vaccine Update



Last week, the Pennsylvania Department of Health announced that they no longer plan to open two mass clinics in Philadelphia's collar counties and instead will divide a supply of Johnson & Johnson vaccine doses between the four counties — something county leaders had requested and that the Department of Health had originally rejected.

I am happy to see that the DOH has agreed to allocate doses directly to the county health departments, which is something that I have been [advocating for](#) along with my colleagues in SEPA. The retail pharmacies across the area will begin to see an increase of doses allocated directly through the federal retail pharmacy partnership and in addition, the collar counties will receive 42,000 doses to split between the county health departments, which is what was requested.

## Vaccine Rollout Timeline



In addition, the Department of Health announced the above [vaccine rollout timeline](#). It is important to note that these dates represent the date that individuals will be eligible to register for the vaccine, and the counties and other local providers will be working hard to get doses into arms as quickly as they can.

## Registration by County

Montgomery County  
Vaccination Registry

Chester County  
Vaccination Registry

### Berks County

If you live in Berks County, Vaccine distribution is handled by licensed healthcare providers and pharmacies. The County of Berks cannot distribute nor determine who gets the vaccine, but officials are working closely with local health care providers as they continue to coordinate and communicate vaccine distribution efforts. Learn more about how to register with providers [HERE](#).

Berks County Vaccination Info

### The Medicine Shoppe of Boyertown

The Medicine Shoppe of Boyertown is operating vaccine distribution through clinics located around the Boyertown and Spring-Ford area. Vaccines will only be available through large-scale vaccination clinics. Check back [HERE](#) on April 5<sup>th</sup> for their next vaccine clinic availability. **Please refrain from contacting pharmacy staff in regards to the vaccine, unless you have an urgent question that cannot wait.** Contacting the store regarding COVID-19 vaccine availability interferes with the pharmacy's ability to serve their patients safely and quickly.

## Legislative Redistricting Committee

People should choose their representatives, not the other way around. Our state senate

and house districts continue to be among the most gerrymandered in the country and [you can apply](#) to lead the commission in an attempt to draw fair districts.

The four caucus floor leaders announced that they are [seeking applications](#) from individuals interested in serving as the chair of the 2021 Legislative Reapportionment Commission (LRC).

The LRC is a five-member panel responsible for redrawing the boundaries for state Senate and state House districts. Article II, Section 17, of the state constitution names the four caucus floor leaders as members of the Commission. They are to choose a fifth member, who serves as chair of the LRC.

Learn more for specific information required to apply [here](#).



## Volunteers Needed: Meals on Wheels

Last week, I joined Dennis and Connie (20 year volunteers), who volunteer their time with Meals on Wheels America in coordination with Family Services of Montgomery County. All of the residents that we delivered to were so grateful and we even met some furry friends along the way.

Meals on wheels offers two meals up to 7 days a week for adults over age 60 at significant risk of malnutrition.

Volunteers are needed: call 610-326-1610, or email [rhoad@fsmontco.org](mailto:rhoad@fsmontco.org) to see how you can help deliver meals to neighbors in need.



## Info Session: How will the American Rescue Plan Make Pennie More Affordable?

On March 12th, the American Rescue Plan was signed into law. Among other provisions, this new legislation represents **the biggest federal expansion of healthcare in a decade, lowering health care costs and expanding access to coverage.**

The new legislation is designed to make healthcare purchased through the marketplace more affordable during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Join PHAN and [Pennhttps://pennie.com/ie](https://pennie.com/ie) for a [virtual info session](#) on April 6th at 11 am to learn about these changes and how they'll be implemented in Pennsylvania. They will discuss how and when the American Rescue Plan will expand affordability for people who are insured - or considering being insured - through [Pennie](#) and answer any questions you might have.

### Pennie & the American Rescue Plan

Your one stop for discovering what savings you qualify for with the passage of the American Rescue Plan.



## \*NEW\* Tax Deadline and Free Tax Prep Service

Pennsylvania has delayed its tax filing deadline from April 15 until May 17, after the Internal Revenue Service said it is delaying the federal tax filing deadline until May 17.

My district office in Royersford Borough is offering free tax prep service for anyone who needs to file a tax return by using a 1040 form. This service will be offered on Thursdays from 5-7pm through April 8 (all COVID precautions will be enforced).

You **MUST** make an appointment by calling my office at 610-792-2137 (ask for Nikki). To learn more about the service and what you will need to bring to your appointment click [HERE](#).

# FREE TAX PREP SERVICE



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### Pennsylvania Department of Health

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### U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Follow the CDC on [Twitter](#).
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