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Dear Residents of SD-44:

Our community never ceases to amaze me, especially when it comes to helping those who are most in need. Our firefighters and first responders from the tri-county area did an absolutely incredible job by reacting quickly to rescue over 125 people from the fire that broke out at the Ashwood apartment complex in North Coventry last Thursday. I am thankful for their selfless dedication to the health and safety of our community.

On Saturday, I spent part of the day with the Owen J. Roberts School District PTO, OJR school board members, Superintendent Dr. Susan Lloyd, and other volunteers who were helping sort donations for the displaced families who lost everything in the fire.



In this newsletter, you will find information on new legislation to freeze per diem pay for legislators, support for the HEROES Act, updated information on mail-in ballots, and free support available for victims of abuse and domestic violence.

My staff and I are always available by phone at 610-792-2137 and by email at senatormuth@pasenate.com to help answer your questions and provide you with the resources that you need. We will also continue to share new information through E-blasts, social media and on [website](#) as we receive it to ensure you, your family, schools, and small businesses have the most up-to-date information.

Sincerely,

Senator Katie Muth

Support the Heroes Act

Earlier this week I signed a [memo](#) that was sent to the United States Congressional Delegation from Pennsylvania thanking them for addressing the needs of overlooked communities and the economic crisis caused by COVID-19. The HEALS Act that was revealed in the Senate earlier this week falls woefully short of what is currently needed and neglects the hardworking people and families who have been most affected by the pandemic.

As the needs facing many hardworking Pennsylvanians continue to mount, it is imperative that the next relief package delivers substantial fiscal aid to local and state governments, so that programs that help those most in need throughout the Commonwealth can be sustained.

I know that my colleagues and I are grateful for the support that the Commonwealth has received so far and I am confident that we can continue to work together with our representatives in Congress to ensure that Pennsylvania emerges from this crisis stronger than ever.

THE HEROES ACT



A Bold Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the Economic Collapse

Call your US Senators & demand their support of the Heroes Act.

202-224-3121

Your Mask Protects Me. My Mask Protects You

The rate of coronavirus cases in Pennsylvania continues to rise. The seven-day case average hit its lowest point in June, but now is trending back towards where it was in the middle of Spring. We all play a critical role in lowering the spread of the virus and that starts with wearing a mask. The more people wear masks...the more effective they are. [#doyourpart](#)



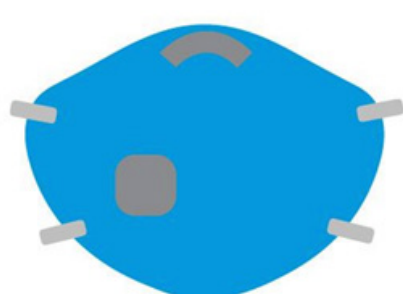
Cloth

- Typically homemade
- Style and materials vary widely
- Prevents wearer from spreading disease
- Work in herd-immunity: the more wear masks, the more effective they are
- Wash after use



Surgical

- Loose fit
- Prevents wearer from spreading disease
- Dispose after use
- Made from a material called polypropylene



N95

- Tight fit, must be fit tested
- Protects wearer if fitted properly
- Limited quantity

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Bill Memo: Suspending Per Diem Pay for Legislators

I joined Senators Lindsey Williams, Maria Collett, and Tim Kearney to introduce a [bill memo for co-sponsorship](#) to suspend per diem payments to members of the General Assembly through the duration of the COVID-19 emergency declaration.

Pennsylvania taxpayers continue to pay per diem for legislators who travel to Harrisburg at a time when we should not be traveling. If a legislator chooses to go to Harrisburg, they should be responsible for the costs as a virtual option is available. So many are unemployed, due to the pandemic, and lining the pockets of salaried legislators should not be an option.

Senators Collett, Kearney, Muth, L. Williams Announce Bill to Suspend Per Diem Pay for Legislators During COVID-19 Pandemic



Free and Confidential Domestic Violence and Abuse Support

It is important to remember that victims are never to blame – people who commit acts of abuse and violence choose when, where, how, and who they will harm. Under the stressful environment experienced nationally, this likelihood to commit harm increases.

If you, or someone you know, needs to speak to an advocate, [Laurel House](#) provides free and confidential support. No one has to suffer in silence.

To Our Community:

Our hearts are broken for the families and loved ones of the victims of the recent homicides in our County. For those in the Cheltenham and Abington areas, please know that we stand with you in your grief.

Laurel House provides free and confidential support to people who are in potentially dangerous relationships. If you, or someone you know, needs to speak to an advocate, please call our 24-hour hotline at **800-642-3150**.

No one has to suffer in silence or seek out solutions alone.

Sincerely,
The Staff of Laurel House



Free Postage for Mail-in and Absentee Ballots

Good news! Secretary of the Commonwealth Kathy Boockvar [announced](#) that the Pennsylvania Department of State will provide funding for postage, so all eligible voters can return their mail-in and absentee ballots at no cost to the voter for the 2020 general election.

Eligible voters may apply for their mail-in or absentee ballot online, in person at their county election offices, or by paper forms submitted by mail. Once the county determines the voter is eligible, counties will send a postage-paid ballot-return envelope with the ballot to the voter for their easy return.

Every voter who requests a Mail In Ballot will receive a postage-paid return envelope.

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Start Local: Supporting Small Businesses in Chester County and the Greater Philadelphia Area

I recently sat down with a new podcast, [Start Local](#), that is focused on supporting small businesses in Chester County and the Greater Philadelphia Area.

We discussed what the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is doing to support our small businesses, customer and worker safety, and other challenges confronting all of us throughout the pandemic. You can listen to the interview [here](#).

start LOCAL Helping Businesses in Chester County, PA and the Greater Philadelphia Area

EPISODE 014

Support of Businesses by the State of PA
with Katie Muth

Your locally focused business podcast

Listen online at startlocal.co

How to Stay Informed

Below is an extensive list of information, statistics, and resources to ensure you stay up-to-date with any changes happening due to COVID-19.

Check out [my website](#) for a comprehensive list of resources or one of the helpful site below.

Pennsylvania Department of Health

- The PA DoH [Daily COVID-19 report](#). Updated regularly throughout the day.
- Follow the PA Health Department on [Twitter](#).
- Follow them on [Facebook](#).

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- [Track confirmed cases in the US](#). (This site is updated weekdays at noon and shows numbers that were current as of 4 p.m. the previous day.)
- CDC provided information regarding "[What you should know about COVID-19](#)"
- Follow the CDC on [Twitter](#).
- Follow the CDC on [Facebook](#).
- Learn how best to [prevent "community transition"](#) with specific details on what to do before, during, and after outbreaks.

World Health Organization

- Learn what's happening Worldwide with the [WHO's Daily report](#). The most recent report is located at the top of the page. It includes confirmed case and death tallies.
- Additional COVID-19 information is provided on their [website](#).
- Stay informed on [Twitter](#).
- Follow their [Facebook](#) page.

Be sure to check out the complete list of information, data, and resources available to those in:

[Berks County](#)

[Chester County](#)

[Montgomery County](#)



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