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Dear Residents of SD-44:

My team and I wish a joy-filled Hanukkah season to all those observing in the 44th and throughout the Commonwealth.

I know the holidays look much different this year, and many of our restaurants and small businesses need our help as they are confronted with new mitigation guidance. I have continued to advocate for the state to release funds, in order to help provide relief for the businesses most affected by the pandemic. The federal government must act, but in the absence of any support it is our duty as a state to take care of the hardworking people and families who have had their lives turned upside down from the pandemic and the economic collapse that has followed.

The PA Restaurant and Lodging Association has created a website with a [comprehensive database](#) of who is offering takeout, delivery, and/or curbside service. In this difficult time, supporting your favorite local restaurants and small businesses is more important now than ever. Consider ordering your holiday meals from restaurants and buying local when picking up gifts for your friends and family members.

Sincerely,

Senator Katie Muth

Gov. Wolf, Sec. of Health Announce New Protective Mitigation Efforts

Late last week, the Governor announced temporary mitigation measures to help slow the spread of the virus and keep hospitals from being overrun. Hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID-19 continued to set records locally and across the state. Daily COVID death totals last week passed records set in April. These mitigation measures come as the state reports just 12.8% of its adult ICU beds remain available.

As I stated last week, it is critical that we support the businesses and industries that have been impacted most as a result of the virus. While many of our local representatives in Washington have been fighting for a stimulus package, we can no longer wait for the federal government to act.

The current Administration has surrendered to the pandemic and abdicated its responsibility to protect American citizens. Their indifference has costs hundreds of thousands of American lives. My focus as we head into a new legislative session is to help Pennsylvanians and main street small businesses who are most in need, and to ensure that our region receives its fair share of any relief that is made available.

You can find the full release by Governor Wolf in its entirety [HERE](#).

PROTECTING PENNSYLVANIANS

TEMPORARY COVID-19 PROTECTIVE MITIGATION MEASURES

<p>Indoor dining is prohibited; outdoor dining, take-out food service and take-out alcohol sales are permitted</p>	<p>Indoor gatherings and events of more than 10 people are prohibited</p>	<p>Outdoor gatherings and events of more than 50 persons are prohibited</p>	<p>In-person businesses serving the public may only operate at up to 50% capacity</p>
<p>Indoor operations at gyms and fitness facilities are prohibited</p>	<p>All in-person businesses in the entertainment industry serving the public within a building or indoor area are prohibited from operation</p>	<p>Voluntary activities sponsored or approved by school entity's governing body or administration are suspended (may be held virtually)</p>	<p>All sports at K-12 public schools, nonpublic schools, private schools and club, travel, recreational, intermural and intramural sports are paused</p>



2nd Annual SD44 Lights & Display Contest

2020 has been an incredibly difficult year, but festive lights and decorations are a way for a lot of people to bring back good memories, and help alleviate the anxiety and stress that the holiday season coupled with a pandemic can bring.

Check out [this really cool app developed by a Delco dad](#) who wanted to map out where houses with spectacular Christmas decorations were. You can search for and even rate the decorated houses on the map, or even add houses in your community that you think others should visit.

If you find houses that are decked out for the holiday season in SD44 you can nominate them by sending a photo to events44@pasenate.com and enter them into our 2nd annual 'Lights and Display' contest.

Please also acknowledge in the email that we are able to feature your home on our social media pages (address/names will not be shared...only the municipality that you live in)



Grant Assistance For Small Businesses In Chester County

Chester County is providing \$10 million in small business grant funding available for Chester County Businesses specifically hurt by the COVID-19 crisis.

The program will be administered by the Chester County Economic Development Council. Details of the Main Street Preservation program, information on joining the December 15 webinar, and details of the application process and timings can be found at <https://ccedcpa.com/mainstreet/>.

Help spread the word!

\$10 million in Grant Assistance for Small Businesses



Chester County Main Street Grant Program

Webinar: How to apply
Tuesday, December 15th 10:00 AM

Applications open December 17

For more information
visit ccedcpa.com/mainstreet/



It's Not Too Late To Get Your Flu Shot

It's not too late! The Flu viruses are still going around. The single most effective protection against flu is getting a flu vaccine. It is recommended that all people aged 6 months and older receive a flu vaccine every year.

Many additional measures have been put in place this year to keep flu clinic staff and clients healthy and safe.

Montgomery: [no-cost Flu vaccines are available](#): call (610) 278-5145 to make an appointment at the Norristown Public Health Center, 1430 DeKalb Street, Norristown, PA 19404 (Entrance on DeKalb Street).

Chester: Immunizations are [available](#) on a limited basis by appointment only. Priority will be given to families without insurance or a medical home. For more information, call 610-344-6225.

Berks: Find a vaccine provider using [this](#) handy tool.



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How to Stay Informed

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

- 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.

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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