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Dear Residents of SD-44:

This past week Pennsylvania released its phased coronavirus vaccine distribution plan. The Department of Health stated that healthcare workers, first responders and those who work in industries such as energy, education and food processing will be prioritized in the first phase. The vaccine will be sent to hospitals first, then given to long-term care facilities, through partnerships with CVS and Walgreens pharmacies.

PHASE 1 VACCINE

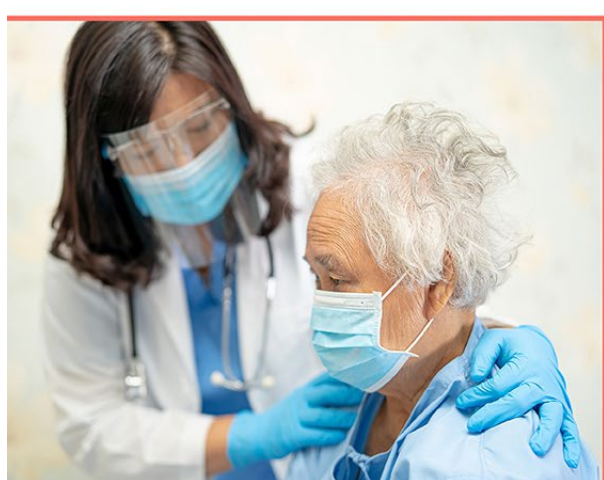
Administration applies when initial doses of vaccine first become available and are expected to be in limited supply (potentially very limited supply initially) compared to demand. Focus should be on the target populations advised by CDC to include:

- Those most essential in sustaining the ongoing COVID-19 response;
- Those at greatest risk of severe illness and death, and their caregivers;
- Those most essential to maintaining core societal functions;
- Healthcare personnel likely to be exposed to or treat people with COVID-19; and
- Other essential workers.



PHASE 1A VACCINE

As instructed by CDC, Pennsylvania is planning for very small initial allocations of vaccine when product first becomes available. ACIP has recommended



- Health Care Personnel
- Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCFs)



Take a look at the FAQ included [HERE](#), which includes more information about the vaccine distribution plan.

Sincerely,

Senator Katie Muth

MontcoStrong 2021 Restaurant Grant Program

Recognizing the importance of the restaurant and food service industry as a cornerstone of Montgomery County's economic and workforce development as well as central to the growth of entrepreneurship, job opportunities, and our communities, the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners is making available up to \$5,000,000 in county economic development funds to support restaurants and other food service businesses as we move through the next phase of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

The application window for this program will open at approximately Noon on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 and close at approximately Noon on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. This program is a jointly administered initiative of the Montgomery County Commerce Department and the Redevelopment Authority of Montgomery County.

Learn more [HERE](#).



UC Claim Reminder



Did you return to work and were then laid off, or had your hours are reduced? Reopen Your Existing UC Claim.



Reopen your claim your FIRST full day of unemployment or reduced work hours + only file to reopen once – this is a manual process.

Get tips at: <https://www.uc.pa.gov/unemployment-benefits/file/Pages/Reopen-an-Existing-Claim.aspx>

REOPEN

EXISTING CLAIM

It doesn't matter if you're filing with the same employer or a new one, if you're filing for **UC benefits within the 12 months that you opened your initial claim,**

 **YOU WILL REOPEN IT TO FILE FOR BENEFITS**

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www.uc.pa.gov

Chester County Main Street Grant Assistance Q&A

Do you have questions about how to apply for a Chester County Main Street Grant? The application process is now open for the Chester County Main Street Grant Round 2. To help navigate the application process, the Chester County Economic Development Council (CCEDC) will hold a live Q&A session on **Monday, December 21 from 2:00pm to 2:45pm.**

Attendees may access the webinar here or watch live on the Chester County Government Facebook page. Details about the grant program, including a link to the previous webinar, may be found at ccedcpa.com/mainstreet. The application is now live and will remain open through 5:00pm on Wednesday, December 23. Webinar Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88603239775>

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/



Important update for SNAP recipients

Great news for SNAP recipients: ALDI is now an option for Pennsylvania participants who purchase groceries online, offering same-day grocery pick-up and delivery through Instacart where available. As COVID-19 cases continue to surge, and winter weather makes landfall, participants will now have access to groceries and supplies in the safest and most convenient way possible.

-  [More SNAP information](#)
-  [Apply for benefits](#)







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ALDI becomes option for SNAP recipients using online ordering pilot

Support Our Local Restaurants

I know the holidays look much different this year, and many of our restaurants and small businesses need our help. Here are some ways that you can contribute:

-  Order gift cards from your favorite local restaurants for family, friends, first responders, or other frontline workers
-  Order takeout, delivery or curbside pick-up
-  Order a pre-cooked holiday meal
-  Tip generously to help boost staff wages



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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