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.

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
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 host 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

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.

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