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Dear Residents of SD-44:

My office continues to receive a high volume of calls and emails from concerned constituents about the vaccine distribution process. I have heard your feedback and directly relayed our <u>shared frustration</u> to the administration and state health officials during our call last week. Look, we all know that the uneven distribution of vaccines to states has played a part in the confusion, but I have asked the administration to have a greater role in having regular communications where it doesn't take us two weeks to get answers to some of our questions.

I don't believe that the state should be relying so heavily on private health systems and corporations, like pharmacy chains, to distribute vaccines. People in high-risk groups shouldn't have to call and register at a countless number of sites with the hope of being called, while they sit back and hear how people outside of phase 1A are receiving the vaccine. We need a logistics professional/team to lead this charge and a single, statewide registration system. It is my hope that the concerns that we have raised, as well as the increased vaccine doses that we are hoping to receive in the coming weeks will ensure that the we are able to vaccinate people across the Commonwealth in high-risk categories. As always, please reach out to my office if you need assistance and we will do our best to help cut through the confusion and get you the answers that you deserve.

Montgomery County

If you live or work in Montgomery County and are 65 and older or you have a health condition that qualifies you for the vaccine under Phase 1B or 1C, you can pre-register for the vaccine **HERE**.

Montgomery County Vaccination Registry

If you are a Montgomery County healthcare worker who qualifies for Phase 1A or 1B vaccination, you can have your business or provider fill out **this form** to schedule vaccinations.

Montgomery County Business Vaccination Registry

Chester County

Chester County continues to vaccinate groups in Phase 1A to include the individuals 65 and older, and individuals between the ages of 16-64 with certain medical conditions. Vaccine supply remains limited and appointments are opened as more vaccine becomes available.

Phase 1A, and you completed the previous survey, please complete this form again.

If you are in the age "16-64 with a medical condition" group*, that now identifies you as

Berks County

If you live in Berks County, Vaccine distribution is handled by licensed healthcare

Chester County Business Vaccination Registry

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.

COVID VACCINE DASHBOARD

Berks County Vaccination Registry

While working to improve the efficiency of vaccine distribution across the state, the PA DOH has rolled out a new COVID19 vaccine dashboard, which includes information on

the number of vaccinations administered by county, as well as demographic information about the people being vaccinated. This will hopefully help ensure that there is more transparency in the process, which is critical due to the abundance of misinformation traveling around. Check it out **HERE**.

Standing up for truth

Senator Katie Muth

Last week <u>I spoke in opposition to SB2</u>, which prohibits a Governor from declaring "a new state of emergency based upon the same or substantially similar facts and circumstances"

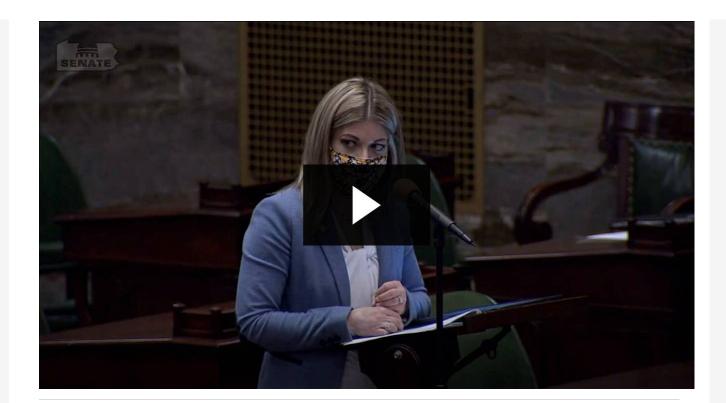
after the expiration of an emergency declaration unless the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution approving the new emergency declaration.

May I remind everyone, it took the General Assembly over a month to pass legislation appropriating the initial federal CARES funding we received last spring. Furthermore, we

still haven't passed legislation for mandated testing for vulnerable populations nor have we passed legislation to create a workers compensation presumption of COVID-19 for essential workers.

Terminating or not renewing the disaster declaration would be shortsighted. We are in the midst of the widely forecast winter surge of this pandemic and have had to focus in recent weeks on keeping our hospitals from being overwhelmed. When we have a legislative

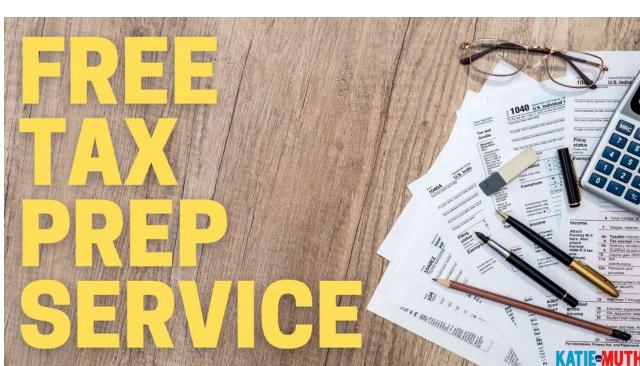
body where a majority of its members refuse to follow CDC guidelines designed to limit the spread of the virus (which would hypothetically shorten the duration of an emergency declaration), it is absurd to think that those some members should have the power to arbitrarily end an emergency declaration by a simple majority vote and put lives at risk.



Free Tax Prep Service

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.



New licensing platform for hunters and anglers

The Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission have unveiled HuntFishPA, the new user-friendly licensing platform for hunters, anglers,

Visitors to www.HuntFish.pa.gov will discover convenient features like personalized dashboards, auto-renewal for fishing licenses, and the ability to report game and furbearer harvests as required.



Schuylkill River trail named to 10 best list!

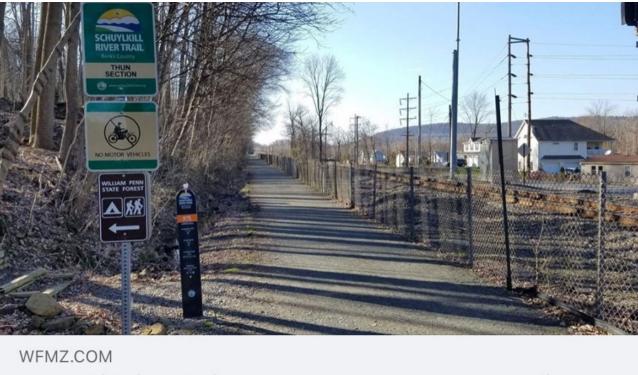
USA Today named the Schuylkill River Trail to its "10best RiverWalks in America", right up there with the likes of San Antonio and Chicago riverwalks. An online poll will show in less than 3 weeks if the Schuylkill River Trail reigns supreme.

We are lucky to have the Schuylkill River Trail in Montco, Berks, and Chester Counties. The trail runs through parts of SD44 including:

- Pottsgrove Chester: East Pikeland, East Vincent, East Coventry, North Coventry, Spring City

Montgomery: West Norriton, Lower Providence, Upper Providence, Lower

Berks: Amity, Union, Douglassville You can vote online once a day until Feb. 15.



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direct action.

"It's just beautiful wherever you are."

PennEnvironment

Environmental Town Hall with

We are less than 2 weeks away from our town hall with PennEnvironment. I hope you will

for in 2021! We will also hear from local residents and activists about how environmental issues have impacted them and their families and how they have been motivated to organize and take

join us for a discussion of the key environmental policy priorities that I will be advocating

RSVP HERE today to receive the zoom login info.



ENVIRONMENTAL TOWN HALL WITH

STATE SENATOR KATIE MUTH

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 2021 6-7PM RSVP for ZOOM INFO

JOIN A DISCUSSION ON KEY
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES THAT
POLICY CHAIR, STATE SEN. KATIE MUTH
AND PENNENVIRONMENT WILL BE
ADVOCATING FOR IN 2021



How to Stay Informed

Pennsylvania Department of Health

- The PA DoH <u>Daily COVID-19 report</u>. Updated regularly throughout the day.
- Follow the PA Health Department on <u>Twitter</u>.
- Follow them on <u>Facebook</u>.

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Follow the CDC on <u>Twitter.</u>
- Follow the CDC on Facebook.
- Learn how best to <u>prevent "community transition"</u> 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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