

Dear Residents of SD-44:

I want to address what is on top of everyone's mind these days, which is the state of the COVID vaccine distribution in Pennsylvania. This past week, Montgomery and Chester counties received thousands fewer vaccine doses than expected which is absolutely unacceptable. This past Thursday a bi-partisan group of Senators that sit on the Health and Human Services committee <u>questioned why Pennsylvania continues to fall behind</u> other states in terms of vaccine distribution efficiency, and furthermore why some of our most populated counties that have been hit hardest by the virus continue to receive drastically fewer doses per capita than other counties throughout PA.

Montgomery, Chester and Berks counties and have relayed that feedback directly to the State Department of Health and the Administration. I am concerned about the lack of transparency and accountability in this process, as we have heard a number of anecdotal cases where healthy individuals outside of phase 1A have received the vaccine, while thousands of eligible individuals who are in desperate need of their first dose cannot get an appointment.

I have been on calls this past week gathering information from County officials in

I will keep pushing for answers until eligible individuals are able to easily sign-up and receive their COVID vaccine doses in a timely and efficient manner. If you need assistance, my office is here to help. You can send my team and I an email to senatormuth@pasenate.com or call us at (610) 792-2137. Follow the latest updates, be sure to like and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Senator Katie Muth

## **Justice Can't Wait**

Last week, we were made aware that the constitutional amendment to open the two-year window for sexual abuse survivors was inadvertently voided by the Department of State who failed to advertise it, thus requiring the lengthy process to start over again.

Legislative action is long overdue and with this latest delay waiting another two years is

simply unacceptable. The General Assembly needs to pass a statutory window as soon as possible and finally allow justice and healing for these victims. Senator Lindsey Williams, Senator Tim Kearney, Senator Maria Collett, Senator Steve Santarsiero, and I have reintroduced legislation to statutorily create a two-year window for survivors of sexual abuse to seek justice on claims that previously would have been time barred. This legislative solution is intended to replace the constitutional amendment process and

we are asking for a swift passage of the new bill and the Governor's commitment to make its passage a priority. Read the full memo HERE.

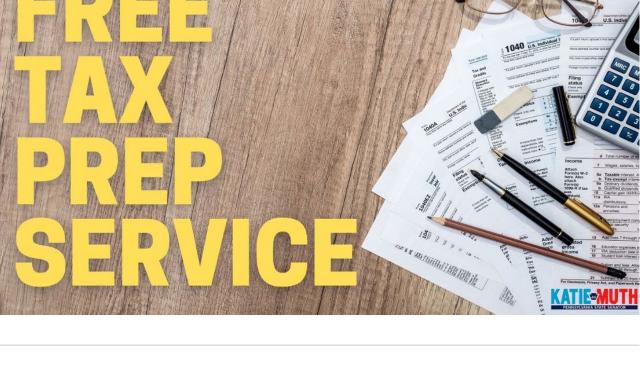


Free Tax Prep Service

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 HEhttps://chestercountyfreetaxes.org/frequently-asked-questionsRE.



Important Vote by Mail Update

application LAST year.

If you requested to be added to the annual mail-in ballot request list you'll soon receive an application to renew your mail-in ballot. Once your request is approved, you will automatically receive ballots for the remainder of the year (Primary and General elections).

**NOTE:** You will NOT be automatically registered to vote by mail if you completed an

You can also head <u>HERE</u> to complete your application to vote by mail in the 2021election cycle.



### **Maternal Health Amidst COVID-19**

The PA Women's Health Caucus will hold a Joint Policy Committee Hearing this Wednesday, February 10th to discuss Maternal Health Amidst COVID-19. The hearing is co-hosted by co-chairs and vice chairs of the Women's Health Caucus:

Senator Judy Schwank, Rep. Mary Jo Daley, Rep. Morgan Cephas, and Senator Amanda Cappelletti.

We will hear from new and expectant mothers, experts and leaders in maternal medicine, including OB/GYNs, midwives, and doulas, to hear about pre-natal, labor, and delivery care during COVID-19, the latest information on vaccine safety and access for pregnant and nursing individuals, and the impact of quarantine on mental health for pregnant or postpartum individuals. Register for the hearing at <a href="SenatorMuth.com/policy/">SenatorMuth.com/policy/</a>.



# **Environmental Town Hall with PennEnvironment**

We are less than 2 weeks away from our town hall with PennEnvironment. I hope you will join us for a discussion of the key environmental policy priorities that I will be advocating 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 direct action.

RSVP HERE today to receive the zoom login info.





### 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>.
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### U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Follow the CDC on <u>Twitter</u>.Follow the CDC on <u>Facebook</u>.
- 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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