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Dear Residents of SD-44:

I hope that all of you had a relaxing 4th of July weekend. In this newsletter you will find information on small business grant applications, new COVID-19 testing sites in Senate District 44, rent and mortgage relief, and more!

My district office is now open Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm by appointment only. Masks are required and hand sanitizer will be made available upon entry. If you cannot make it during normal operating hours and need to meet with us in person, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your schedule.

COVID-19 cases are [rising](#) in certain regions across PA; and as a result, Governor Wolf has elevated his [mask-wearing requirement](#) to 'mandatory'. Masks must now be worn whenever anyone leaves their home to help ensure that we do not see a resurgence in cases and to keep businesses open.



My staff and I are always available by phone at 610-792-2137 and by email at senatormuth@pasenate.com to help answer your questions and provide you with the resources that you need. We will also continue to share new information through E-blasts, social media and on [website](#) as we receive it to ensure you, your family, schools, and small businesses have the most up-to-date information.

Sincerely,

Senator Katie Muth

Small Business Assistance Grants are NOW LIVE

The Department of Community and Economic Development has been allocated \$225 million for COVID-19 relief to small businesses through a distribution to **Community Development Financial Institutions** (CDFIs).

Small Business Grants

COVID-19 RELIEF STATEWIDE
SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

COVID-19 Relief to small businesses through a distribution to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) for loan payment deferment and portfolio loan loss reserves, main street business revitalization grants and historically disadvantaged business revitalization grants.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be physically located, certified to do business, and generate at least 51% of their revenues in Pennsylvania;
- Have annual revenue of \$1 million or less prior to the impact of COVID-19;
- Have 25 or fewer full-time equivalent employees prior to February 15, 2020

THE PROGRAM WILL PRIORITIZE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE:

- Owned and operated by low and moderate-income people; or women-owned businesses;
- Located in areas of need including areas with a population having incomes significantly below the median income level, high levels of poverty, higher than average unemployment rates, or significant population loss;
- Types of businesses that were most impacted by the economic shutdown and experienced the greatest revenue losses (retailers, wellness centers, restaurants, hair salons, barbershops, gyms, etc.)

Linked are a list of resources we believe can help you with your application process. Guidelines for the [COVID-19 Relief Statewide Small Business Assistance Program](#) are available [here](#), as well as a list of [17 participating CDFIs](#).

[The application window is now open!](#) Businesses should prepare the following:

- 2018 or 2019 tax return;
- business registration, license, or articles of incorporation;
- must have an e-mail address;
- valid ID;
- electronic versions of documents;
- most recent bank statement;
- a description of how the business was impacted by COVID-19;
- and a description of how the business plans to use the funds.

You can find more information and apply at www.pabusinessgrants.com.

From Harrisburg: Eviction and Foreclosure Moratorium

Earlier last week, members of the Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Caucus wrote a letter urging Governor Wolf to extend the eviction and foreclosure moratorium that is set to expire on July 10th.



Let's be clear: the UC and PUA process has had many shortfalls and it is unacceptable that individuals are still waiting to be compensated after four months in some cases. My office has been working tirelessly to advocate on behalf of our constituents and we will continue to do so to ensure everyone receives the compensation they deserve.

We cannot allow this moratorium to expire when the state has failed to deliver funding to individuals who have lost income or are out of work as a result of COVID-19. Every Pennsylvanian deserves safe and secure housing especially in this critical time of need!

Rental and Mortgage Assistance Grant Program



Applications can be submitted now for tenants, landlords, mortgage companies, and homeowners for the COVID Relief – Rental and Mortgage Assistance Grant Program, which provides assistance with delinquent mortgage and rent caused by unemployment or a 30% reduction in an individual's household income as a result of COVID-19.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to apply for a grant, head over to: www.phfa.org.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office via senatormuth@pasenate.com if you need additional assistance. We are happy to help you in any way we can.

Unemployment Benefits Extended



The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) [announced](#) that people who have exhausted their regular unemployment compensation (UC) and federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) may now qualify for 13 additional weeks of payments through the state's [Unemployment Compensation Extended Benefits program](#).

Extended Benefits (EB) are additional UC benefits payable to qualified workers whenever the state's unemployment rate reaches a certain level determined by law.

The current EB period began May 3, 2020, but benefits are not payable until an individual has exhausted PEUC benefits. EB payments will begin with the week ending July 4, 2020 and are payable only for weeks of unemployment during an EB period.

New COVID-19 Testing Sites in Montgomery and Chester Counties

Montgomery County Residents

Several new COVID-19 testing sites will open beginning July 6th. Anyone who needs or wants to be tested can be tested whether or not they have symptoms.

To register, please visit MontCoPA.org/covid-19 and select "County Testing Information" at the top of the page or call 610-970-2937.



TESTING SITE HOURS

To register please visit montcopa.org/covid-19 and select "County Testing Information" at the top of the page or call 610-970-2937

Testing Criteria:

Anyone who needs or wants to be tested can be tested, whether or not they have symptoms.

Pottstown: 364 King Street

Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday: testing hours 12pm-2pm
Tuesday/ Thursday: testing 4pm-6pm

Lansdale: 421 Main Street

Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday: testing hours 4pm-6pm
Tuesday/ Thursday: testing 12pm-2pm

Willow Grove: 102 Old York Road (this site will be moving)

Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday: testing hours 12pm-2pm
Tuesday/ Thursday: testing 4pm-6pm

Green Lane: Deep Creek and Snyder Road

Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday: testing hours 4pm-6pm
Tuesday/ Thursday: testing 12pm-2pm

Ardmore: 114 W Lancaster Ave

Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday: testing hours 4pm-6pm
Tuesday/ Thursday: testing 12pm-2pm

Norristown: 1401 Dekalb Street

Opening July 7 - Hours TBD in the coming days

Chester County Residents

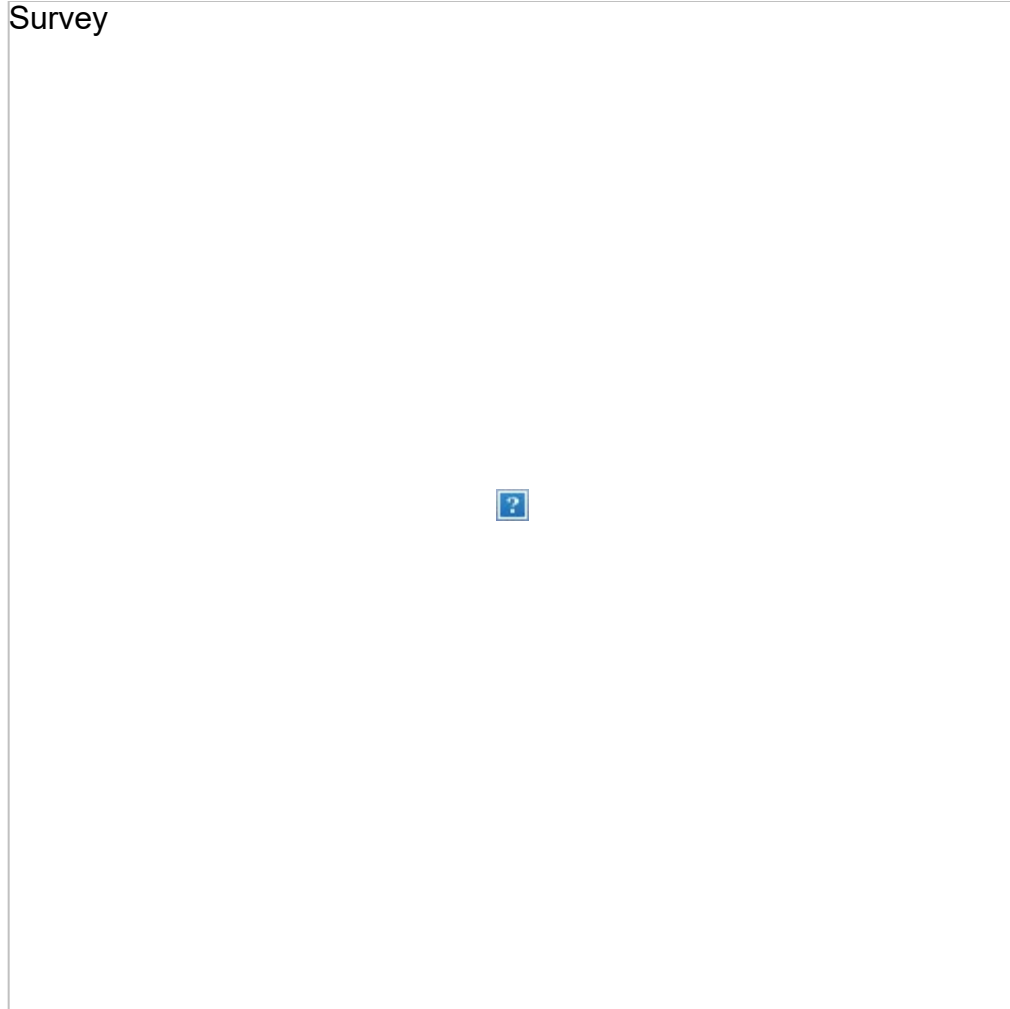
Chester County is currently offering PCR (diagnostic nasal swab) testing at no cost. It is open to all residents and individuals who work in Chester County. Tests are for individuals who have COVID-19 symptoms, who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or who may be asymptomatic.

Please note that schedules are subject to change. If you want to be tested, you can ["Register Here."](#)

Monday July 6	Tuesday July 7	Wednesday July 8	Thursday July 9	Friday July 10
	Gordon Early Literacy Ctr 351 Kersey St, Coatesville 12:30 PM – 5:30 PM Owen J Roberts High School 981 Ridge Rd, Pottstown 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Avon Grove Intermediate School 395 S Jennersville Rd West Grove 11:30 AM – 4:30 PM West Chester East High School 450 Ellis Ln, West Chester 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Gordon Early Literacy Ctr 351 Kersey St, Coatesville 12:30 PM – 5:30 PM Valley Forge Middle School 105 Walker Rd, Wayne 8:30 PM – 12:30 PM	Avon Grove Intermediate School 395 S Jennersville Rd West Grove 11:30 AM – 4:30 PM Barkley Elementary 320 2nd Ave, Phoenixville 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Note: Schedule is subject to change.

Montgomery County Primary Election Survey



The Montgomery County Commissioners are looking for feedback regarding your thoughts on the Primary election. Read a message from the Commissioners below:

"Holding a Primary Election during a pandemic presented us all with challenges unlike we've seen before. We experienced an extraordinary number of absentee and mail-in ballots, many polling location changes, and the logistics of voting in person during a pandemic.

That's why we crafted a survey based on YOUR experience during the 2020 Primary Election. Your feedback will help us determine how we approach the 2020 General Election. Your voice, just like your vote, counts."

Be sure to submit your feedback by July 14. Take the survey [HERE](#).

How to Stay Informed

Below is an extensive list of information, statistics, and resources to ensure you stay up-to-date with any changes happening due to COVID-19.

Check out [my website](#) for a comprehensive list of resources or one of the helpful site below.

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

- [Track confirmed cases in the US](#). (This site is updated weekdays at noon and shows numbers that were current as of 4 p.m. the previous day.)
- CDC provided information regarding "[What you should know about COVID-19](#)"
- 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.

World Health Organization

- Learn what's happening Worldwide with the [WHO's Daily report](#). The most recent report is located at the top of the page. It includes confirmed case and death tallies.
- Additional COVID-19 information is provided on their [website](#).
- Stay informed on [Twitter](#).

- Follow their [Facebook](#) page.

Be sure to check out the complete list of information, data, and resources available to those in:

[Berks County](#)

[Chester County](#)

[Montgomery County](#)



Submit your mobile number to stay up-to-date with the latest events and happenings from Senator Katie Muth sent right to your phone.



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