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Dear Residents of SD-44:

On Friday, Montgomery, Chester, and Berks Counties will move to the yellow phase of the reopening plan, as outlined by Governor Wolf. Late last week, Governor Wolf announced [updated guidance](#) for restaurants that includes dine-in service in outdoor seating areas so long as they strictly adhere to the requirements of the guidance, including maximum occupancy limits. I am hopeful that we will see additional guidelines and additional Personal Protective Equipment that will permit other industries such as barbershops, salons, and pet grooming services to resume in the near future.

## COVID-19 REOPENING PHASES

WORK & CONGREGATE SETTINGS		SOCIAL SETTINGS	
RED PHASE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LIFE-SUSTAINING BUSINESSES ONLY</li><li>• RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR PRISON + CONGREGATE CARE</li><li>• SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION</li><li>• MOST CHILD CARE CLOSED</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• STAY AT HOME ORDERED</li><li>• LARGE GATHERINGS PROHIBITED</li><li>• RESTAURANTS/BARS LIMITED TO CARRY-OUT + DELIVERY</li><li>• ONLY TRAVEL FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING PURPOSES</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TELEWORK MUST CONTINUE WHERE FEASIBLE</li><li>• BUSINESSES WITH IN-PERSON OPERATIONS MUST FOLLOW SAFETY ORDERS</li><li>• CHILD CARE OPEN COMPLYING WITH GUIDANCE</li><li>• RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR PRISON + CONGREGATE CARE</li><li>• SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• STAY AT HOME ORDER LIFTED FOR AGGRESSIVE MITIGATION</li><li>• LARGE GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN 25 PROHIBITED</li><li>• IN-PERSON RETAIL ALLOWED CURBSIDE/DELIVERY PREFERRED</li><li>• INDOOR RECREATION, HEALTH AND WELLNESS FACILITIES REMAIN CLOSED</li><li>• RESTAURANTS/BARS LIMITED TO CARRY-OUT + DELIVERY</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ALL BUSINESSES OPERATING IN THE YELLOW PHASE UNDER THE 50% LIMITATION MAY INCREASE TO 75% OCCUPANCY</li><li>• ALL BUSINESSES NOT PERMITTED TO OPERATE PHYSICAL LOCATIONS IN THE YELLOW PHASE MAY MOVE TO 50% OCCUPANCY, SUBJECT TO SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES</li><li>• ALL BUSINESSES MUST FOLLOW CDC AND PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES</li><li>• TELEWORK WHERE FEASIBLE</li><li>• CONSIDER ACCOMMODATIONS FOR VULNERABLE PERSONNEL</li><li>• CONSTRUCTION BACK TO FULL CAPACITY WITH SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NOT A RETURN TO THE WAY THINGS WERE, BUT CHANGING BEHAVIOR FOR A NEW NORMAL</li><li>• PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY: USE GOOD JUDGMENT, WEAR MASKS AROUND OTHERS, CONTINUE SOCIAL DISTANCING + USE GOOD HEALTH HABITS</li><li>• LARGE RECREATIONAL GATHERINGS REMAIN RESTRICTED</li><li>• VISITS TO PRISONS + HOSPITALS MAY RESUME</li><li>• NURSING HOME VISITATION RESTRICTIONS REMAIN FOR NOW</li><li>• INDIVIDUALS MUST FOLLOW CDC AND PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES</li></ul>

The primary election is on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and our region has seen an overwhelming amount of voters request mail-in ballots. Due to the circumstances around the pandemic, some of these ballots arrived this past week and the PA Department of State is urging voters to drop their mail-in ballots at your county board of elections office or secure [drop-box](#) by 8pm on election day.

My staff and I are always available by phone at 610-792-2137 and by email at [senatormuth@pasenate.com](mailto: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.

Senator Katie Muth

## “In” Harrisburg

Earlier this week, the Senate voted on a partial state budget ([HB2387](#)) that included a \$25 billion spending plan. I voted NO on the general appropriation bill since it did not account for a multi-billion dollar revenue gap.

I know that my constituents have suffered immensely due to the economic effects that the pandemic has had on our region. I was one of only 6 Senators to vote against the spending plan as it did not meet the needs of the hardworking people and families of my district. I do, however, appreciate and acknowledge the Governor's commitment to education, which over the last six years, has seen funding boosts every year and will not see cuts in state funding during this unprecedented time.

In more positive news, the Senate [voted 50-0](#) to allocate \$2.6 billion in one-time, federal funding to help workers, families, and businesses impacted by COVID-19 in Pennsylvania.

I am thankful that this allocation reflects the priorities that the Democratic Caucus laid out in our PA CARES Plan in April.

This one-time federal money will go to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & human services      | <input type="checkbox"/> Worker hazard pay   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing assistance           | <input type="checkbox"/> EMS                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety net programs          | <input type="checkbox"/> Higher education    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child care & early education | <input type="checkbox"/> Small businesses    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Safety                | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County & municipal relief    | <input type="checkbox"/> Community ID waiver |





# PA CARES



\$722M for Health & Human Services  
\$175M for Housing Assistance  
\$29M for Safety Net Programs  
\$125M for Child Care & Early Education  
\$150M for School Safety  
\$625M for County & Municipal Relief  
\$50M for Worker Hazard Pay  
\$100M for EMS  
\$72M for Higher Education  
\$245M for Small Businesses  
\$50M for Agriculture  
\$259M for Community ID Waiver

**\$2.6B Total Investment**

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**PASenate.com/Budget**

## Do You Plan to Vote In-person on June 2nd?

Due to COVID-19, your polling place may have changed. For the primary election only, counties may combine polling places to address a loss in polling place locations, such as senior centers, which may be closed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Find your polling place: [votesPA.com/Polls](https://votesPA.com/Polls).

If you are voting by mail-in ballot and have not yet mailed your ballot, you must return your ballot to your local board of elections or at one of the designated drop-off locations in Montgomery and Chester counties.

**FIND YOUR  
POLLING  
PLACE**  
FOR THE JUNE 2  
PRIMARY ELECTION

**VotesPA.com/Polls**

## Drive-Thru Antibody Testing in Chester County

The Chester County Health Department and Chester County Department of Emergency Services, in partnership with Lehigh Valley Genomics, invite all essential workers who have been working onsite at their workplaces through the red phase, who live or work in Chester County, and their household members to drive-thru COVID-19 Antibody Testing.

Click [here](#) to register. Public testing will be available at a later date. For any questions about testing, please call 610-344-6225.

### Drive-Thru Antibody Testing

Now Available For Essential Workers  
who have been working onsite during the **RED phase**

For information on locations, appointment times and registration  
visit Chester County's COVID-19 Antibody webpage

- By Appointment Only
- You Must Bring Confirmation Code to Test Site
- Everyone Will Be Screened for Symptoms

**No Symptomatic Individuals Will Be Permitted Onsite**

Public testing will be available at a later date  
Please note: testing is weather dependent and dates are subject to change

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Update

**PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE**  
**PAYMENT UPDATE**  
INFORMATION AND UPDATES  
**[www.uc.pa.gov](http://www.uc.pa.gov)**

Due to an increase in fraudulent claims, PUA Claimants will be receiving their PUA and FPUC benefit payments via **paper checks** for the foreseeable future as an [added precaution](#).

The Notice of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Filed was mailed to all PUA claimants in the system due to their recent discovery of attempts by scammers using personal information obtained from sources other than L&I to apply for PUA.

## 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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